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Don't let our Christmas traditions be eradicated

THERE is absolutely no denying, despite what some may suggest, that Britain's multi-cultural blend is what has made this nation even greater.

However, we should always remember that while influences from afar may seep into our way of life, we must retain our core values and continue to build on the cultural bricks upon which we have constructed the foundations of our society.

I say this as, once again, there seems to be another shift away from our schools conducting nativity plays this festive season for fear of offending or excluding pupils or parents.

It is, of course, a very Christian attitude to consider everyone, but believe them or not, Christian attitudes underpin our very modern society and to lose them and the traditions that come with them, would be an irreversible tragedy.



Editor **Chris Britcher**

If we went to a foreign land with different traditions, we would, undoubtedly, look to respect and indulge them.

That, after all, is what happens if you opt to live or visit a country with a particularly set of cultural values. You adapt.

There is an issue of political correctness which has eroded British traditional values in recent years.

And while it is right to ensure we respect other cultures, we should ensure they respect ours too. And, more to the point, we stand firm and strong in our support of our own traditions.

Christmas is a time when we should all unite. Regardless of faith, we should, as a nation, simply seek to come together for a winter festival built around the birth of Jesus and the Christian story we should all continue to celebrate.

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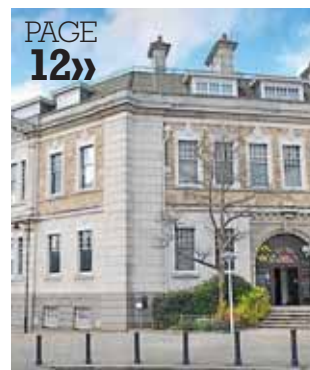
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Claire Tiltman murder verdict... Special Report

'Evil' Ash-Smith guilty of killing schoolgirl Claire

By Chris Britcher

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IT TOOK 21 years, but finally, the man long linked with her murder was this week given a life sentence for the brutal, random killing of teenager Claire Tiltman.

Described by Dartford MP Gareth Johnson as "evil to the core", former milkman Colin Ash-Smith, 46, was found guilty by a jury at the Inner London Crown Court. They took just three hours to reach a verdict.

On Friday, he was handed a minimum 21-year jail term for the crime which stunned the county.

Claire, who was preparing to take her GCSEs at Dartford Grammar School, had been walking to see a friend on January 18, 1993, just days after her birthday.

She never reached her destination. As she walked down an alleyway close to London Road in Greenhithe, she was stabbed repeatedly. She managed to stagger out of the alleyway to raise the alarm but could not survive.

Ash-Smith is already serving three life sentences for attempted murder, attempted rape, kidnap and grievous bodily harm with



VICTIM AND KILLER: Claire Tiltman, left, was stabbed to death by Colin Ash-Smith, right.

intent. He was originally jailed at the Old Bailey in 1997.

But he had always been the number one suspect in the case of Claire Tiltman. However, his mother, a former local Labour councillor and Swanscombe mayor, provided him with an alibi.

She was covering for him though. Ash-Smith had snapped after seeing

Claire on a zebra crossing.

He would evade justice for his horrific act, however, until this week.

As one of the county's longest-running cold-cases, senior investigating officer Detective Superintendent Rob Vinson said his team never gave up hope of finding her killer.

He said: "Every single one of the

officers who have worked on this case over the last two decades have refused to allow Claire's killer to go unaccounted for and escape justice.

"The investigation team has meticulously built this case over a number of years. I'm pleased the jury reached the only conclusion - that Colin Ash-Smith was responsible for Claire's murder."

Vile murderer attended the funeral of teen he stabbed

THREE years after Claire Tiltman was killed, Colin Ash-Smith was arrested just hours after attacking a 21-year-old woman with a knife in Station Road, Greenhithe, on October 17, 1995.

A search of his distinctive white Ford Capri uncovered one half of a school tie which police established had been used in the rape, kidnap and attempted murder of a 27-year-old woman in Swanscombe on December 21, 1988.

In December 1996 he appeared at the Old Bailey and pleaded guilty to both attacks. He was given life imprisonment.

At the time of his arrest, Ash-Smith denied any involvement in Claire's death.

Ash-Smith knew Claire and her family. He met her through the local Royal British Legion Club. He even attended her funeral, despite having killed her.

He rang police the day after her death to admit to being in the area and possibly having spotted her crossing the road. It was just a ruse



FUNERAL: Ash-Smith pictured at Claire's funeral in 1993

to explain why his car may have been spotted in the area.

Cold case investigators also found that during his time in prison for the 1988 and 1995 attacks, Ash-Smith befriended a fellow prisoner in which he confessed to attacking someone he saw using a zebra crossing.

The prisoner assumed the confession was for a crime Ash-Smith was already convicted of. But the zebra crossing was only relevant in the case of Claire.

On February 28, Ash-Smith was charged with her murder. This week he starts to rot in jail for his crime.



ALLEY: Claire's murder scene

Tragedy of a ruined family

THE death of Claire Tiltman would have a devastating impact on her family.

As an only child, it forced her grief-stricken parents into a pit of despair from which they would never recover.

Her mother, Lin, would pass away in 2008. She was just 56.

Her father, Cliff, fought tirelessly to keep the memory of his daughter alive and for justice to finally be served. But in 2012, after years of illness, he passed away. He was just 62.

Even on his death bed, he pleaded for the killer to come forward.



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Games get set for return of Geek for 2015 expo

VIDEO game festival Geek has confirmed it is returning to Margate for a three-day event in February.

The popular show focuses on the evolution of gaming, offering more than 1,000 playable video games to play on hundreds of consoles.

They date back from the 1970s to the latest batch of next-generation consoles such as the PlayStation 4 and

Xbox One. Aside from hundreds of consoles, there are also multi-player opportunities.

Geek (Gaming Expo East Kent) will take place at Margate's Winter Gardens from February 20-22.

Other activities at the event include workshops, cards, panel discussions, developer talks and tournaments.



HAPPY: New mum Kaddy Lee-Preston

Kaddy delight as she gives birth to girl

TV WEATHER presenter Kaddy Lee-Preston is enjoying her first weekend as a mother after giving birth to a healthy baby girl this week.

The popular star kept her fans waiting though – she was almost three weeks past her due date.

But it all ended up well with little Albany Rainbird Wilkinson weighing in at 6lb and 10oz.

Both mother and child are doing well.

Speaking to KoS on Friday, Ms Lee-Preston, who lives near Ashford, said the link between her daughter's middle name and the profession which made her famous is merely coincidental.

She said: "The middle name is her grandmother's maiden name so it's nice to have a weather theme!"

Ms Lee-Preston is best known for her role on BBC South East Today and presenting local magazine programme Inside Out.

The 36-year-old left the BBC in 2012 to pursue a successful freelance career, although still continued to make regular appearances on the show. She had been working right up until her due date last month.

Her final public engagement was presenting the Kent on Sunday and Kent Life Food & Drink Awards in Maidstone.

Last gasp hope to save airport is kicked into touch as CPO is rejected

By Jamie Weir

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WITH local campaigners protesting outside the chambers, Thanet District Council voted unanimously to reject plans to serve a compulsory purchase order (CPO) on Manston Airport's new owners.

The decision could deal the final death blow to hopes that the airport might be resurrected.

The CPO would have enabled the council to buy the site without its owners' consent, allowing them to sell it on to a partner who would have reopened it as an airport.

However, councillors took the decision after debating a report, released last week by council officers, which advised against pursuing a CPO on the site.

It now looks likely that the former airport, which was closed in May by former owner, Ann Gloag, with the loss of around 140 jobs, will remain shut.

American consortium, RiverOak, which made three offers for the air-



MANSTON: On the ropes

port when it was put on the market earlier in the year by Ms Gloag, reacted angrily to the council report earlier in the week.

Its CEO, Steven DeNardo, wrote an

open letter criticising the council, stating it was guilty of 'fabricating' rules about the CPO funding process.

He wrote that the council's requirement for RiverOak to prove that it has funding to cover the cost of the CPO, acquire the airport and bring it back into use, has no basis in government rules for the process.

He said in the letter that 'the report is misleading, full of inaccuracies and omissions, and misrepresents our submission to the council.'

The council told KoS it was "disappointing to see such an inflammatory and inaccurate response".

A spokesman said: "Given the risks involved in pursuing a CPO, it would be totally unacceptable for the council to agree an indemnity partner which failed to provide the appropriate assurances."

The site's new owners, Trevor Cartner and Chris Musgrave, who own nearby Discovery Park, say they want to redevelop the site into a mixed use hub.

Paramount park and BBC strike agreement

CHIEFS behind the London Paramount Resort have signed a major deal with the BBC to feature the broadcaster's brands in the multi-billion pound entertainment park.

The resort, due to open in Easter 2020, has a major licensing deal in place with Hollywood studio Paramount. But it allows for other deals to be struck too. And, as reported in KoS last month, it was particularly keen to ensure British TV and culture was represented too.

The partnership will mean that some of the best loved and celebrated programmes and characters to appear on British TV and radio in recent decades could be brought to life at the proposed site on the Swanscombe peninsula.

David Testa, director of LRCH, said: "We are delighted to bring the world's leading public service broadcaster on board. It seems only right that its programmes will be present at the new resort, which will combine the glamour of Hollywood with the best of British culture."

Tributes after popular councillor dies at 55

TRIBUTES have been made this week to the former mayor of Hythe and long-serving district councillor, who died suddenly last weekend.

Keren Belcourt, a Conservative Shepway councillor for 16 years and, at the time of her passing cabinet member for housing, was found dead in the hallway of her home by her husband. It appears she had collapsed. She was 55.

Council leader David Monk said: "She was a star whose light shone brightly through everything she did."

Folkestone MP Damian Collins added: "The sudden death of a friend is always a shock to the system, especially when they are taken in the prime of life."

"She brought a great personal passion to her role as cabinet member for housing, and in particular supporting the council's work building new homes and bringing empty or derelict properties back into public use."

"Our thoughts and prayers are with her husband Reg and their family during these difficult days that they will face together."

Magic touch to help fight pickpockets

A MAGICIAN has been showing how sleight of hand is used by pickpockets to pinch wallets and mobile phones from unsuspecting victims.

Professional Rob James teamed up with police in Dover to film himself with a hidden camera as he slipped cards the size of smartphones into people's bags and pockets in the town centre. He would distract them by asking directions or simply do it without them even noticing he was nearby.

The production team then stopped the unwitting shoppers, explained what had happened and filmed their reactions – with the aim of making them aware that if someone can slip something into your bag, they can take something out too.

"It was easier than I thought and we had a greater number of hits than we expected," Mr James said.

Karen Griffiths, co-ordinator of the Dover Partnership Against Crime, which developed the video, said: "We saw so many people with their bags open and purses, mobile phones and other valuables clearly on show."

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What will make next week's headlines...

Quiz PCC Ann Barnes at online police chat

YOU can get the chance to quiz Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes and the force's Assistant Chief Constable Jo Shiner from the comfort of your home this week, as the duo take part in a live web chat.

The one-hour session gives those logging in the chance to speak to

two of the most senior policing figures in the county on Wednesday, December 17, from 6.30pm.

Mrs Barnes said: "It is an opportunity to have your policing questions answered and to find out what the force is doing to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in your area, so please do get involved."



The public can watch other questions and the answers during the session. To take part, visit www.kent.police.uk/onlinechat and follow the link to the web chat.

Renew your school child's half-year bus pass now

APPLICATIONS are being invited this week to renew half-year Young Persons' Travel passes.

The pass allows pupils aged 11-to-16 to benefit from school-day bus travel, 6am to 7pm, for a fixed fee of £200, until the end of the summer term.

When the new pass was

introduced in September, parents and carers were, for the first time, offered the opportunity to purchase half-year passes, enabling them to spread the cost.

Applications for the new year term must be received by January 9. For details, see www.kent.gov.uk.

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BBC cathedral series

THE second episode in a documentary series looking at Canterbury Cathedral airs on the BBC at 9pm on Monday night.

The series on BBC Two follows life at the cathedral, home of the Church of England, over the course of a year.

Boundary consultation

A CONSULTATION into changes to boundaries covered by councillors at Kent County Council gets into full swing this week.

It forms part of the first phase of an electoral review.

Full story - turn to page 12.

No police strike here

KENT Police staff will not be taking part in a 24-hour strike tomorrow.

The strike, which does not include officers, was called by Unison in a dispute over pay. Kent Police staff did not take part in the vote to walk-out.

Forum's hotel meeting

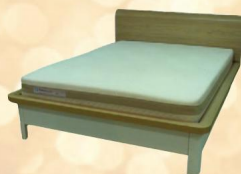
THE Sittingbourne Local Engagement Forum meets on Tuesday.

It unites local and county councillors, as well as representatives from the police and fire. The meeting takes place at the Coniston Hotel at 7pm.

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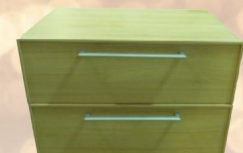
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Don't let present pressure force you into turning to payday loan

With restrictions coming into force over the level of interest rates levied on short-term loans next month, there are fears many will turn to payday lenders this Christmas and risk spiralling into debt

By Molly Kersey
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THE problems of payday borrowing have been well documented over the years. Offering quick applications and allowing consumers to take out short-term loans with a sky-high interest rate, they can create a spiral of debt if people miss payments.

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has now confirmed price cap rules, which promise to see the cost of borrowing fall and consumers never having to pay back more than double what they originally borrowed.

But with these new changes not coming into effect until January 2015, payday lenders could still hold a dangerous attraction as Christmas approaches and people find themselves short of cash.

Vince Maple, Labour group leader on Medway Council, welcomes the changes made by the FCA but does not think they go far enough in tackling

the issues that residents have had.

He said: "There are a number of countries where they have just outlawed payday lenders completely, or have far greater protection laws.

"The issue of payday lending on the high streets of Medway has been an issue Medway Labour have consistently campaigned on.

"Dozens of residents have come to me.

"People take on an initial loan and for various reasons they simply can't afford that loan. It's about making sure there's protection for people. People end up in a position where they have huge amounts of debt.

"The impact on people's lives can be huge."

He added: "Payday lenders have taken some quite shocking tactics, particularly in the run up to Christmas, with quite exploitative adverts.

"I hope with the FCA keeping a close eye on that industry now we will see less of that, and I haven't got people coming to me in lots of debt in January.

"Christmas has come early for the payday lenders because they haven't got these new restrictions in place, and



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the restrictions don't go far enough."

The new price cap rules will include an initial cost cap of 0.8 per cent per day for all high-cost, short-term credit loans, fixed default fees being capped at £15 to protect borrowers struggling to repay and a total cost cap of 100 per cent, which means borrowers must never have to pay back more in fees and interest than the amount borrowed.

Ian Driver, Thanet South's Green parliamentary candidate, is pleased to see these changes.

"I think it's long overdue. The payday loan companies are exploiting

some of the most vulnerable people in society and I think their actions should be regulated," he said.

"I welcome very, very tight regulation of the industry. It should have been done a long time ago. I would actually outlaw them altogether.

"We have got some of the lowest levels of poverty and deprivation in south east England. I have seen it through my surgery work as a councillor and before that manager of Thanet's Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB).

"I have seen over the years just how horrendous these organisations can make life for people by getting them into debt that they can never pay off."

He also believes that people can be more susceptible to payday lenders around Christmas time.

"That's always been the case," he said. "When I worked at the CAB, the weeks immediately after Christmas were always without fail the weeks when we started dealing with the greatest number of problems.

"People had gone that bit far and not really thought of the implications of taking out loans or maxing out their credit cards and not realising how much money they owed.

"Everybody wants to have a good

time at Christmas with friends and family. You're going to feel bad if you can't afford to get nice presents but there can be a cost, especially if you're not working.

"You try your best to do the right thing and that can get you into an awful lot of trouble.

"I'd tell anybody to think twice and look at the small print and look at your ability to pay because you could end up getting into a situation where it may be very, very difficult to repay."

While he believes that the way people think about money has changed somewhat, there is still a risk.

"I think more people are aware than they used to be, definitely, because so many people have had and are still having hard times.

"A lot are trying to count their pennies and shop wisely and people who have debts are trying to get rid of those debts. But these companies are advertising, they use every trick in the book."

Credit unions have been acknowledged by many as a safe alternative to payday lenders, for those people who need some help with their finances.

They are non-profit making co-operatives whose members can borrow from pooled deposits at low interest rates.

Pay day lenders have taken some quite shocking tactics, particularly in the run up to Christmas, with quite exploitative advertising

Vince Maple,
Medway Labour group leader

They encourage people to save with them first to build up a relationship.

Cllr Maple explained: "I think one of the positives that have come from this is the highlighting of credit unions.

"People do need to borrow money but they can do it in a way that's ethical and community focused.

"Credit unions have been around for decades and decades, they are trusted local community alternatives.

"If anybody is looking at borrowing money they should think about their finances very carefully and always consider the local credit

union as an ethical alternative.

"The worst thing you can do is bury your head in the sand. Speak to someone like the Citizens' Advice Bureau or Step Change, both of whom offer free, very good, impartial advice."

Cllr Driver agrees credit unions have huge benefits.

"I couldn't sing their praises highly enough, they do provide an excellent community service and I would advise people to look to them first," he said.

"They only lend small amounts of money but they lend at very good interest rates."

Chris Hunt, general manager at Kent Savers Credit Union, said of the FCA price cap rules: "They are good and bad. They are good in the sense that capping interest at 0.8 per cent per day means that they are going to be far, far cheaper than they ever were.

"With this new cap the APR is now 1,000 per cent. In some respects it is much better for the customer.

"But the other side of it is they are still ten times as expensive as we are.

"We just find it so strange that people accept that as that being the going price. Because these payday lenders are on television, people just assume that's what you're supposed to do."

PRAYING FOR A CHANGE IN ATTITUDES TO SPENDING AND LENDING

LAST month the Church of England announced a proposal for a network of savings clubs in primary schools, designed to give pupils as young as four practical experience of money management.

Set against a back-drop of a generation used to securing fast, cheap credit to buy whatever they wanted, whenever they wanted, the

slump in the financial markets and the resulting austerity drive has prompted a desire for future generations to re-adjust their attitudes and approach to spending.

Earlier this year the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, set up a task group on responsible credit and savings, following remarks about the danger of pay-day lenders.

The plans for the school savings clubs mark the latest stage in their work, coinciding with its new ToYourCredit website.

The archbishop said: "How we think about and use our money is central to a fulfilled and contented life.

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Is grammar school campaign finally on the brink of success?

Campaigners in Sevenoaks have fought for years to get a grammar school in the town. Now they look set to finally be successful... but not for the boys. We take a look at the long-running selective saga

By Sarah Linney

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CAMPAIGNERS fighting to get a grammar school in Sevenoaks look set to finally have their wishes granted.

No official announcement has been made, but Tory government sources appear to have let it quietly be known that education secretary Nicky Morgan is expected to approve the plans next month.

But it will be seen by many as only half a solution as the proposed site will cater only for girls.

Although the Department for Education is remaining tight-lipped, saying only that a decision will be made "in due course", the Daily Telegraph reported this week a positive outcome was likely.

Sevenoaks is the only major town in Kent not to have a grammar school, meaning hundreds of pupils travel out of the town to schools in Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and even further afield.

In addition, the pressure on grammar school places in the west of the county is traditionally intense.

Parents keen to take advantage of the selective system in neighbouring East Sussex and the London boroughs, frequently apply for places, ensuring a regular race to land one of the grammar spots.

For parent Andrew Shilling, who has been leading the campaign to get a grammar school in Sevenoaks for the last three years, the news is welcome.

His two elder sons, aged 14 and 11, travel to the Judd School in Tonbridge each day.

"It's a 20 to 25-mile round trip. They spend at least two hours travelling a day, and they are quite young to be travelling that far," said Mr Shilling, a chartered accountant.

"They leave home at half past seven in the morning and get home at quarter to five. They are tired – the first term they just came home and collapsed on their beds. They sleep in quite a lot at weekends.

"They don't have as much time to do their homework and they don't socialise outside school as much.

"We just want a school in our town where our kids can go."

The problem has been that the grammar school system no longer exists in most parts of the country, and it has been illegal to build a new selective school since the 1960s.

But the Coalition government modified the law to allow existing grammar schools to expand and build annexes – essentially an extension of the school, with the same staff, curriculum and rules, but in a different location.

The Weald of Kent Grammar School, a girls' school in Tonbridge, is to act as the parent school for the Sevenoaks annex.

Last year it had hoped a bid to open



ON THE HORIZON: An artist's impression of the new grammar school in Sevenoaks

a mixed annexe in Sevenoaks would be given the go-ahead. But then-education secretary Michael Gove threw out the plans as it would, as a mixed school, in effect, be a new school and not an annexe (see box).

In a bid to get round the problem, bosses at the Weald of Kent even asked parents if it would consider becoming a mixed school to enable the Sevenoaks extension to go ahead. That was rejected.

One could be forgiven for wondering, of course, why the parents don't just send their children to a non-grammar school in Sevenoaks. But Mr Shilling says that is not an option.

"We don't have comprehensives here. In Kent we have high schools which don't have an academic curriculum," he said.

"Our local high school doesn't teach physics at A-level or more than one foreign language.

"If you have a high-performing child, you want them to go to the best school for their ability. If we have a grammar school system in Kent, I can't change that – but if you have that system, you have to cater for children who pass the 11-plus."

If it gets the go-ahead, the school will be built on the site of the former Wildernes boys school in Seal Hollow Road.

Planning permission was given the go-ahead this summer for the school and some £16million has been allocated for the work.

David Bower, chairman of governors at the Weald of Kent Grammar School, said the school had not heard anything about a decision.

But he said that if the annexe went ahead, it would have a knock-on beneficial effect for other children of grammar school ability in the Tonbridge area – as the school would be able to offer hundreds more places at its main site.

"We have put a lot of work into our application and as far as we can see we have crossed all the Ts and dotted all the Is," he said.

"If you take the premise that Kent has selective education then it seems unfair that Sevenoaks hasn't got a grammar school. The number of children who travel out of the town to attend other schools shows it has to be a

good thing. About 45 per cent of our pupils – about 500 girls – are from Sevenoaks, and of course there are other children from the town who travel to other schools.

"We are a very busy and successful grammar school and we no longer confine our intake to Kent only – we take girls on distance criteria in all the TN areas. So if this goes ahead, it creates more places for people in other parts of Kent, Surrey and Sussex."

But John Walder, the divisional secretary of the Kent branch of the National Union of Teachers, said he felt the opening of another grammar school would be a retrograde step.

"We do not approve of grammar schools. We don't think they are part of a sensible solution to what we need in this country," he said.

"Children should not be separated at the age of 11 on the basis of a judgment about their innate ability."

But campaigner Mr Shilling did not agree. He said: "I was from a poor background, and I went to a grammar school, then to Cambridge.

"If this bid isn't successful, we won't give up. We'll keep going. And we will be lobbying for a change in the law and to get the Tories to put in their manifesto they will allow new grammar schools."

LANDMARK RULING COULD LEAD TO A CHANGE IN THE LAW

THE grammar school system was abolished across most of Britain in the 1960s by the then-Labour government.

Under the leadership of education secretary Anthony Crosland, the Department for Education and Science informed local authorities in 1965 that it would not pay for any new school unless it was a comprehensive.

By the 1980s, most of the UK's grammar schools had closed or become comprehensives.

Kent and Medway, however, along with a few other education authorities, resisted the changes and the grammar school system survived in the county.

There are now some 164 grammar schools in England.

The Coalition Government changed the law in 2012 to allow existing grammar schools to expand.

After receiving a petition signed by more than 2,600 parents calling for such an establishment in Sevenoaks, Kent County Council voted in favour of their wishes – with the 1,200-pupil Weald of Kent Grammar School acting as the parent school. The building has already been given planning permission.

A bid for a mixed annexe in Sevenoaks was turned down on the ground that an annexe of a single sex school could not be mixed. So the latest bid is for a girls' school only

"The boys are left high and dry,

unless we can find a boys' grammar school that wants to open an annexe," campaigner Andrew Shilling admitted.

"It's a lot of work for a school." If the Sevenoaks plan gets the go-ahead, it is likely to see similar proposals accelerate elsewhere in the country.

Some Tory MPs are now calling for an expansion of grammar schools to be part of the party's manifesto, overturning rules that have existed for 50 years.

• What do you think? Do grammar schools promote social mobility or simply cater for the middle classes? Join the debate and share your views by writing in. Email: editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.

Public consultation begins into major electoral boundary review

For the first time in 14 years, Kent's county council electoral wards - known as divisions - are to be redrawn. And it's up to you how it's done. We ask what it involves and why it's important to engage

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DO you feel you could be better represented on Kent County Council? Then you'll be pleased to know that you're being given the chance to have your say over how that could be done.

The county council's electoral wards are being re-drawn - and the people of Kent are being asked for their views on where the new boundaries should be.

The project is being undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, which is doing the same thing across the whole country.

The Commission is also recommending that the number of county councillors Kent has be cut from 84 to 81 under the new arrangements.

The aim of the redesign is to make sure each county councillor represents roughly the same number of voters - and that the wards (known as divisions for the county council) represent naturally distinct communities.

People are being asked to identify the area they consider to be their community, and where the shops and leisure facilities are that people in their community use.

Commission chairman Max Caller said: "We will take into account community identities as well as ensuring electoral equality for voters."

"If you have a view about which communities, parishes or neighbourhoods should be part of the same county division, or if you think a road, river or railway makes for a strong boundary between communities in your part of Kent, then we want to hear from you."

"Alternatively, if you're simply interested in the way the county is run, just log onto our website to explore our interactive maps and have your say."

"Your views will make a difference. We will carefully consider all evidence provided, whoever it is from and whether it applies to the whole of Kent or just a small part of the county."

Around 20 to 25 authorities across the UK are also being reviewed - at a minimum cost of around £50,000 per council, which adds up to at least £1 million across the country.

While the money comes from the commission rather than individual councils, the commission is still taxpayer-funded.

Graham Gibbens, the chairman of Kent County Council's electoral and boundary review committee, said the consultation was "an important part of the democratic process".

But should we, in these times of austerity, be spending such sums tinkering with lines on a map?

The commission's review manager Richard Buck says the answer is an unequivocal yes - because it ensures



HAVE YOUR SAY: If you feel your county council ward doesn't reflect your community, now's the time to speak up

that everyone's vote is worth the same.

The aim is to ensure there are no longer situations where one councillor represents the views and concerns of 2,000 people, while another, potentially in a neighbouring district, represents 4,000.

"The main thing we are looking at is ensuring people have a vote of equal weight," Mr Buck explained.

"The divisions get out of kilter over time, because of things like changes in population and developments, and we go in and try to equalise that. Kent has not been reviewed since 2002."

But the review is also about trying to ensure that the divisions reflect the communities people feel they are part of. "We are not looking to get the divisions absolutely spot on the same - there needs to be flexibility to reflect community identities and interests," Mr Buck said.

"The consultation process is critical in allowing us to get good evidence from people and a sense of where communities lie. That sort of information is invaluable to us."

"It's about what parishes would naturally go together in a division -



historic links can build a sense of community, but it's about how communities interact in the here and now and the links between them.

"Shared facilities, like doctor's surgeries and schools, provide a focus for a community."

The plan to get rid of three county councillors would also save Kent taxpayers £38,415 in annual allowances.

But it is a desire to bring Kent into line with other councils which is behind that proposal.

"We did a lot of liaison with Kent County Council over what it felt was the right number of councillors and where Kent stood in comparison with other county councils. We need to

keep variances to a minimum," Mr Buck explained.

"We don't say it has to reduce the number of councillors, but based on evidence from the county and our analysis of what is a good allocation of members to numbers of people, the council will need a pretty high amount of evidence to justify retaining the council size."

And he encouraged anyone who had anything at all to say to make their voice heard.

"It's about ensuring effective, fairer and more democratic governance for the people of Kent," Mr Buck added.

Kent County Council is currently ruled by the Conservatives, with Ukup

as the main opposition party.

Political commentator Iain Dale, who lives in Pembury and presents a show every weekday on radio station LBC, agreed.

"Democracy has a price. If you're going to say this is too expensive, that's an argument for abolishing elections, because they cost so much," he said.

"It's nothing new. Boundaries have always been reviewed after a certain period."

"Consultations are there for a reason and if people have a view they should put it forward. People's views will count for something if they make them known - there are always villages that think they should be in a different area from a neighbouring village."

The consultation lasts until March 2.

To give your view or to find out more, write to The Review Officer (Kent), Layden House, 76-86 Turnmill Street, London EC1M 5LG, email reviews@lgbce.org.uk, or visit www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk or www.lgbce.org.uk.

Draft recommendations will be published in May, after which there will be a further chance to have your say.

The changes will then come into effect in time for the 2017 county council elections.

The Faversham and Mid Kent constituency, which was to be axed at the general election, has been re-prieved - for a few years.

In 2012 the Boundary Commission proposed the abolition of the constituency as part of a wider review which would have seen the number of parliamentary constituencies in England cut from 650 to 600, and all constituencies made roughly the same size.

The Faversham and Mid Kent constituency was created in 1997 when the seat of Faversham, which at that time included Sittingbourne and Sheppey, became two separate constituencies.

Under the new plans, Faversham and the surrounding villages would have been absorbed into a redrawn Canterbury constituency, with the rest of the constituency being absorbed into other neighbouring seats.

However, after a disagreement with their Conservative masters over reform of the House of Lords, the Liberal Democrats refused to support any of the Boundary Commission's proposals, and they were defeated in Parliament.

The review has now been postponed until 2018.

• What do you think? Share your views and join the debate.

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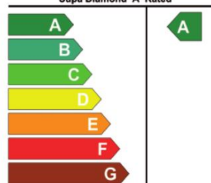
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MP Holloway on Ukip, war and principles

Adam Holloway has been a soldier in the Iraq wars, an investigative journalist and as a Conservative MP describes Ukip as “good people with sound views”. **Jamie Weir** goes to meet one of Kent’s most fascinating politicians

ADAM Holloway brings some baggage with him when it comes to speaking to the local media.

At times openly hostile and frequently doubting their motives, he has been known to end conversations, if indeed he speaks to you at all, in a manner which makes hostility seem too pleasant a word.

But then as a former investigative reporter who built up his reputation with the likes of Panorama, ITN, World in Action and the Sunday Times, it is perhaps forgivable that when once asked by one local reporter where he intended to spend his holiday, he simply retorted “f*** off” and told them to go and do some “proper journalism”.

Yet Adam Holloway, in person, is all rather disarming and charming.

He’s a tough, no-nonsense sort of MP, and one who doesn’t suffer fools gladly.

At 49, he’s already served with distinction in the British Army, in the Grenadier

Guards during both Iraq wars.

A man of principle, he admits he kissed goodbye to a ministerial career by his stance on the ever-contentious issue of Europe.

Frequently linked with a possible switch to Ukip – probably as a consequence – you’d be hard pushed to bet against him still rising up the ranks should the Conservatives cling to power next May.

But then Mr Holloway is not your normal MP. His motivations are very much of his own making.

“When I worked in TV in London,” he explains, as we meet in the office of a constituent he was visiting, “I used to deliberately park my car on double yellow lines at night when I was out.

“Then I’d set my alarm to go off about 20 minutes before the traffic wardens could get my car with a ticket, and I’d dash across London. I used the fear of a ticket to motivate me into action.”

Unusual, perhaps, but different strokes for different folks, as they say.

As he turns up a little late for our meeting, he arrives in running shorts and a thread bare fleece.

“Do you want a typical ‘Tory boy’ interview,” he asks, “or just to be myself?”

Born in Faversham, his father was the Reverend Roger Holloway OBE, a man whose background included spells as a soldier, big game hunter, actor, international wine and spirit merchant and an Anglican priest.

He, too, had dabbled in politics, standing for the Tories in 1966 in east London, but losing out to Labour.

Following his death in 2010, aged 76, the obituary in the Daily Telegraph described him as “an Anglican priest like no other. Irascible and at times provocative, he was mischievously irreverent and often tempted to shock”.

Perhaps that’s where his son gets it from.

Adam Holloway attended the plush Cranleigh School as a boarder in Surrey, before going on to Magdalene College, Cambridge.

After being promoted to the



OPEN: MP Adam Holloway chats to KoS reporter Jamie Weir

rank of captain in the Army, he found himself on the frontline as war was declared in the Middle East.

The impact of that would be the catalyst for his next career move.

"Unlike most MPs, I had never had any great desire to go into politics," he explains.

"At the end of the Gulf War in 2003, I came out of Iraq and got back and listened to the politicians in this country speaking on TV. There was this sudden realisation they were so far removed from the reality of where I had been, that I felt compelled to make a rush to go into politics."

Opting to stand for the Conservatives in Gravesham, he faced Chris Pond, the Labour candidate who had swept Jacques Arnold from the seat after ten years. Mr Pond had secured the seat as Tony Blair secured his historic landslide in 1997.

Mr Holloway's victory in 2005 saw him overturn a Labour majority of a little under 5,000 votes. It was a narrow victory, though, just 700 votes separated him and his red rival.

It was the first time since 1951 the seat had not been held by the winning party. By 2010, the Tory majority was closer to 10,000.

Although delighted with his 2005 election triumph, Mr Holloway was magnanimous in victory.

"The only thing that marred me winning the seat was defeating Chris Pond. I liked and respected him.

"The first thing I did after I was elected, that morning, with a terrible hangover, and exhausted after the count, was go to Chris' house with a bottle of brandy."

Mr Holloway admits he gets on well with politicians of all colours - including the Labour-controlled Grave-

sham Borough Council.

"I get on extremely well with the council leader, John Burden. I've always had a decent working relationship with him, and have always enjoyed spending time with him. In fact, I consider him to be a friend of mine."

So what of the elephant in the room? The ever-rising political powerhouse that is Ukip?

"Ukip are good people," he says, "with sound views that I would largely agree with. The strange thing about them is that they seem to be running candidates against Conservative's like me, who have long held similar views."

His stance on Europe has come at a price already. Having been appointed to the junior ministerial position of personal private secretary to Europe minister David Lidington, his decision to stick to his guns and defy the party whip on a vote over a referendum on Europe would force him to make a tough decision.

He explains: "I trashed my ministerial career over Europe."

"There was a backbench motion about a European referendum, and for eight years I had been telling people I felt there should be a referendum. All of a sudden, I was being told to say the opposite. I wasn't going to rebel against my constituents, which meant I had to resign."

"If a politician resigns," he elects, "essentially they won't get a ministerial position for that government in the future. I have similar views to Ukip, and agree with them on lots of stuff, so why would they run candidates against MPs like me?"

So is he not tempted to follow the likes of Mark Reckless and Douglas Carswell and jump from



FRONTLINE: Adam Holloway with opium plant in Afghanistan

blue to purple?

"Why would I defect? I'm going to do everything I can to save this country from having a Labour government."

"I'd much prefer a Conservative government which was in coalition with Ukip than with the Liberal Democrats, but that's not very likely when they keep putting up candidates

against Conservative seats."

It underlines the views of many that the 2015 election will be simply too close to call, but an almighty battle.

But then battles are something Mr Holloway is well versed with. It is a debate he's become embroiled in again amid mounting calls for the UK to become involved in tackling the

rise of Islamic State (IS/Isis) in the Middle East.

"I imagine I've spent more time in war zones than anyone else in parliament and was in Iraq for both wars," he says, "so I'm aware that war really, is something that happens when politics breaks down."

"What Parliament needs to understand is that military force is a tool, but it should be used as part of a series of political objectives. Isis took over a space the size of France in Syria and Iraq recently, barely firing a shot. They did that because people in the areas they went into accepted them."

"If we were to bomb Isis, it would just make the situation worse. What needs to be done is something to fix the political problems so the people don't accept Isis. There needs to be a clear plan."

He speaks from recent experience, having only recently returned from a visit to the Isis frontline in Iraq.

Certainly no one could accuse Mr Holloway of not being active in his role.

He said: "After the election win, by the time I sat down to my new parliamentary email address, I already had 3,000 in my inbox."

"That's one of the defining characteristics of the last ten years in office: the never ending work. This summer, I managed to borrow a friend's house in France to go on holiday. I decided that every day, I would do about six hours on the computer trying to empty my inbox."

"It literally took me, along with keeping up my daily emails which were still coming in, the entire holiday."

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Adam Holloway
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sent this pathetic email to my office just asking them to look at my inbox. I was so proud of it being empty I was just seeking some praise. You've just got so much it can be overwhelming at times.

"I've got quite a good reputation with constituents at getting back to

them quickly. Most people just think my office is really efficient, and it is, but actually I find that if I don't reply to something straight away it ends up buried."

He seeks to remain fit too. Having progressed from the 'parking on double yellows and racing the warden',

today he tries a more regulated approach to fitness.

"Because I spend so much time in front of the computer, I try to go for a run to fight off middle age. I like a run with a purpose, so frequently find myself running to visits with constituents or others."

Not that his running leads to a support of the nation's number one sport, "I hate football" he quips.

He does, however, have a soft spot for Ebbsfleet United, his local non-league club.

"I do love Stonebridge Road [Ebbsfleet's home ground] and the history

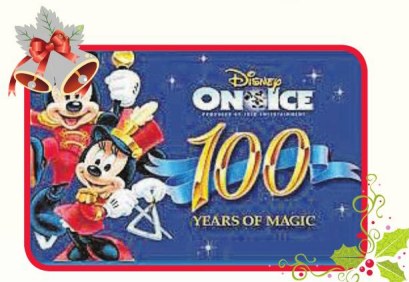
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VOTE: Have a say in who wins the much-coveted title

Back Kent finalists in the BBC Sports Personality of the Year

MILLIONS of viewers will tune in tonight to watch the BBC Sports Personality of the Year being crowned – and Kent has two hopefuls in the running for glory.

Golden girls Lizzy Yarnold and Charlotte Evans, both dazzled during the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games in Sochi, Russia, earlier this year, and now both are on the shortlist.

Few will forget Miss Yarnold's remarkable triumph in the skeleton event – hurling herself at high speed on what looks like a glorified tea tray down an ice course. Her victory was Team GB's only gold throughout the Games.

And shortly after that, Charlotte Evans teamed up with visually impaired skier Kelly Gallagher in the alpine skiing Super-G to bring home a gold in the Paralympic event.

Miss Evans acts as a guide to Miss Gallagher in the remarkable event and both received medals. They are nominated as one in the BBC popularity poll.

But both Miss Yarnold and Miss Evans face a tough challenge to emerge from tonight's viewers' vote on top.

Other contenders include newly-crowned Formula One champion Lewis Hamilton and Open golf hero Rory McIlroy.

But we believe both our candidates are worthy of wider recognition. We take a look at our two stars and their rise to glory...

KOS SAYS...

LIZZY Yarnold and Charlotte Evans have been the county's stand-out sports stars this year with their golden exploits raising the nation's mood and inspiring an entire generation.

Not only do we support the pair of them, but we urge our readers to vote in the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award in a bid to get them the wider recognition they deserve.

So whether you think Lizzy Yarnold's skeleton success is worthy of your vote, or Charlotte Evans and Kelly Gallagher's speed to glory should get your support, be sure to vote for one of them tonight. Better still, vote for them both.

LIZZY YARNOLD MBE

IN A little over four minutes, Lizzy Yarnold went from local star to national heroine.

Yet her winning time on Valentine's Day this year at the Sochi Winter Olympics was merely the tip of an ice-berg of dedication, which had seen her rise up through the ranks and emerge as Great Britain's one and only gold medal winner at the 2014 Games.

Born in 1988, she grew up in West Kingsdown, near Sevenoaks. Educated at St Michael's Preparatory School, an independent school in Otford, she went on to become head girl at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls before heading off to university.

Inspired by watching Denise Lewis at the Sydney Games in 2000, the young Lizzy set her heart on the multi-discipline challenge of becoming a heptathlete. Then she wanted to pursue a sporting career in equestrian.

But after enrolling in a programme in 2008 designed to foster the talent of girls with a view to delivering future Olympic success – UK Sport's Girls-4Gold – she was introduced, instead, to the somewhat bizarre challenge of the skeleton.

She proved to have a natural talent to the somewhat dare-devil sport. Within five years she was already

making an impact on the global stage.

Inspired by Amy Williams, who won gold in the skeleton at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Games, she timed her run to form to perfection, winning the World Cup event in the months leading up to the big event and then onto the global level provided by the Sochi Games.

Hotly tipped as one of our genuine medal hopefuls, she did not let us down.

Before the closing ceremony had even taken place, she had been flown back to the UK to get a taste of her new found national fame and a place on the Jonathan Ross TV chat show.

Even her family, who had travelled out to Sochi and fielded media questions about their daughter's triumph, became minor stars.

Channel 4 comedy show The Last Leg's highlighting of her father Clive's distinctive moustache even saw #clivesmoustache trending on Twitter.

She finally returned home to a hero's welcome. A special open-top bus ride was arranged from Sevenoaks to her home in West Kingsdown, stopping off at schools along the route for children to meet the rising star and see the cherished gold medal.

A star had truly been born. Since then her popularity has continued.

She's had a packed calendar of speaking engagements and just last week went to Windsor Castle to meet the Queen and pick up an MBE to recognise

her success. Currently in Lake Placid as she starts the defence of her world title, her ambition to not only repeat her success at the next Winter Games but build on her reputation in the sport, remains undimmed.

She explains: "Winning in Sochi was a dream come true – but there are still so many things that I want to achieve in skeleton. I know I can be a better athlete."

"It was such an honour to learn I was being awarded an MBE."

"It was so special to receive the award from the Queen, she was very kind and so knowledgeable about skeleton racing and the Winter Olympics, which was lovely to chat about – it helped calm my nerves."

As for tonight's BBC prize? "It is such an honour to be nominated," she says.

"I can remember watching it just before Christmas when I was little – it's one of those events where the whole family sat around the TV to watch the cool montages of all the year's sporting action and see who won."

"There are so many incredible sportsmen and women on the list this year – it is great that the UK continues to do well in so many sports – and to think I have been nominated among them is a bit surreal."

"So I hope everyone enjoys watching the show on Sunday – if you are voting then I would really appreciate the support."

For now, though, her focus is on the eight-race Viessmann FIBT World Cup. It consists of eight races across two continents and seven countries.

After Lake Placid, the event will be moving to Calgary in Canada, and there will be two further events in Germany, two in France, one in Austria, before ending at Sochi – the scene of her triumphant win.

Few would bet against her winning again.



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CHARLOTTE EVANS MBE

CHARLOTTE Evans has become one half of a now rather famous double-act. As if to underline just how far Paralympic athletes have come in recent years, Charlotte Evans and Kelly Gallagher's success in the Super-G alpine event at Sochi in the Winter Paralympics made front page news.

For Ms Evans, 23, from Chatham, it was an odd role to fulfil. As the able-bodied partner to visually impaired Ms Gallagher, she has to help her partner circumnavigate a terrifying course at speeds of up to 100km/h.

But it could have been a moment that never happened, after Ms Evans, of Rochester, suffered a nasty knee injury which threatened her career.

A keen skier since her childhood she started developing her skills by going to the Chatham Ski Centre to practice every week, moving on to snow at the age of 14.

She combined her high-speed talents with her studies at Rochester Grammar School and then MidKent College.

She was part of the England alpine ski team by 2009 and

English overall champion before her knee was injured while competing at the British Championships, forcing her off the snow for the next nine months.

During her rehabilitation she worked as a coach before being asked to get involved with the British disabled ski team in guiding Ms Gallagher, who has since become a "friend for life".

She said her decision to team up was "the best decision I ever made".

Speaking to KoS she said: "My family said, just give it a go and just try it, and I have been doing it ever since."

"It changed how I think about racing and who I am as a person."

"Skiing is quite an individual sport and you can become quite isolated in yourself. Now I'm part of a team."

"Being able to give someone else the chance to fulfil their dream is the highlight."

"I am getting to do what I love, but getting someone else to be able to do their own dream too."

"It's one of those

relationships where you are together all the time."

"We are very different personalities and I think at the beginning it's very difficult to define which role is which, but now it's easy to work together."

Ms Evans and Ms Gallagher have worked together since November 2010 and after just four weeks went to the World Championships and scooped a silver and bronze medal, making them the first British alpine skiers to win a medal at the event.

Since their Paralympic win they have both been awarded an MBE for their services to paralympic sport.

"That was a massive day for us," Ms Evans said. "It doesn't feel real."

"We have been in schools to talk to the students and I have really enjoyed that. You're able to inspire people, whether it's through sport or not."

"It's really positive and people want to know about getting involved."

Now they face another tough test – and the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award.

"It's pretty amazing," reflects Ms Evans. "We didn't really expect any of it. We went to Sochi thinking we have got a goal, we have got to get the medal we want."

"The aftermath has just been a crazy road. Every day that something new happens I think it can't get any better and then it does."

GOLDEN GIRLS:

Charlotte Evans and Kelly Gallagher

Picture: SUZANNE KNIGHT.

HOW TO VOTE...

The BBC Sports Personality of the Year award is televised live tonight, Sunday, on BBC One with extensive coverage on both BBC Radio 5 Live and on the BBC's website. It starts at 8pm.

The show comes live from the SSE Hydro arena in Glasgow.

Voting will be open for a short period during the show with the numbers being revealed during the show. The winner will be announced on the night. There will also be an option to vote online.

The short-list, compiled by a select group of judges, comprises of:

- Rory McIlroy (golf)
- Gareth Bale (football)
- Max Whitlock (gymnastics)
- Lewis Hamilton (motorsport)
- Adam Peaty (swimmer)
- Lizzy Yarnold (skeleton)
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Family firm sure to be prepared for Indian Scout buzz

SINCE the 1960s, Robinsons Foundry has been in the motorcycle industry.

They started in Broadstairs, acquiring a Suzuki franchise in the 1970s which led to them becoming the biggest Suzuki parts supplier in the UK, and moved to their current site on Broad Oak Road, Canterbury, in 1990.

The company's growth has continued year-on-year, and they now sell a selection of Victory, Indian, Piaggio, Aprilia, Suzuki, Vespa and Moto Guzzi motorcycles.

The family-run business has gone from strength to strength, and their ever-growing showroom offers everything from a 50cc Scooter to a full blown 1800cc Tourer.

And they now have an exciting new model which is soon to be launched.

They will be offering the 2015 Indian Scout in the New Year.

The 100hp middle-weight cruiser combines classic heritage with modern features.

It uses a cast aluminium frame, with a low 643mm seat height, 1562mm wheelbase and 135mm of ground clearance.

The bike was shown at this year's

Motorcycle Live Show at the NEC in Birmingham and received a glowing review on the website www.cycleworld.com, which began: "The Scout rocks ... It completely satisfies on every level."

And it has already created quite a buzz, with orders pouring in and people showing a lot of interest in the new model.

"We have had so much interest in this bike!" said sales manager Ben Godfrey.

"I have been here for 12 years and we have never had this much interest in a launch.

"It's a model that was Indian-produced from 1920 through the 1940s.

"This 2015 model is a whole new bike, with a new engine; it's a totally new machine.

"It's quite a bit smaller than the rest of the Indian Chief current range."

And at £10,395, it could be a more affordable option for some customers.

"It opens up sales prospects for quite a few more people," Mr Godfrey added.

To find out more about the launch of the 2015 Indian Scout, please call Robinsons Foundry on 01227 378430.

For more information about other motorcycles the company has to offer please visit www.robinsonsfoundry.co.uk



INDIAN SCOUT: Bike has aroused "huge interest"

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The stoves are even safe to be left on overnight - unlike open fires, they have doors which close, so there is no risk of spitting or spilling - so on those dark winter mornings when everyone else is freezing, you can wake up warm and toasty.

No wonder the family-run firm, which owner Keith Bell has been in charge of for 25 years, has sold more than 4,000 stoves

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"If you're interested, we'll come out and do a free survey for you and give you a quote," Deanne explains.

"There's no pressure or obligation to take the quote up and it stays in our system for about a year, so there's no rush to decide.

"One of our customers this week even said she'd managed to sell her house thanks to the stove we installed in her conservatory - and now she's asked us to fit one in her new house too!"

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They have a frontline team to provide support throughout the enrolment process, which are on

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A tutor will provide feedback on your progress, addressing any of your worries or concerns, as well as sign posting you in the direction of other related topics or follow-on courses that you might enjoy.

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Refined luxury at county town's best kept secret escape

OAKWOOD House in a grand Victorian mansion located just off the Tonbridge Road in Maidstone.

A first-class venue for accommodation, conferences, functions, weddings and events, Oakwood House offers a dramatic fusion of modern and traditional styles suitable for every occasion.

The house is managed by Genuine Hotels, which is part of The Genuine Dining Company, who along with managing 40 other catering contracts across the UK, also orchestrate fantastic events at Heatherden Hall, Pinewood Studios and The Old House, Shepperton Studios - under their Genuine Events brand www.genuine-events.co.uk.

The Victorian mansion's deep-rooted history is clear for all to see, combining classical architecture and period features together with a sense of contemporary living throughout the interior of the building.

It is conveniently located, being easily accessed from main transport routes - quite simply, a fitting venue for all events or occasions.

The house boasts 40 stylish bedrooms and 18 meeting rooms including the John Wigan Room which can cater for up to 300 guests.

Each of the 40 rooms has a private en-suite facility, a flat screen television and beverage making facilities, so that your comfort and relaxation are guaranteed.

It provides a great location for meetings with colleagues and clients.

The Courtyard bar is open daily, serving delicious Mozzio blend coffees and a selection of locally sourced food.

As well as this, there is free WiFi throughout the building, and free parking for more than 250 cars.

They have exciting plans for the future, and are delighted to be hosting more than 50 wedding ceremonies and receptions this year.

A wedding fayre will take place on February 15, 2015 from 10am to 4pm, to showcase all that the house has to offer.

They are also launching their new restaurant, The Billiard Room, in April which will overlook the grounds and gardens. It will be open to everyone, serving wholesome locally sourced food at great prices

Locally referred to as Maidstone's hidden secret, the house is easily accessible from London via the M25, M2 and M20 and is within easy reach of the Channel Tunnel and the south coast.



PICTURESQUE: Oakwood is perfect for any event

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15th February | FREE | 10.30am - 4.00pm

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Mother's Day Carvery

15th March | Adults £19.95 | Children £9.95

Join us in the beautiful surroundings of Oakwood House and treat mum to a 3 course carvery. Enjoy the relaxing sounds of Sue Barnes.

Easter Sunday Carvery

5th April

Come and enjoy a delicious 3-course carvery lunch and soak up the sounds of 'Jason Allen Sway' singing songs from some of the worlds biggest stars, including Michael Buble, Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Robbie Williams.

Bookings available between 12.00pm - 2.00pm
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19th June

Don your beach wear and join us for a BBQ and our "Beach Boy" party!

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27th June | £29.95 per person

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Oakwood House

Join us at Oakwood House this year and enjoy some great food, children's events and excellent themed evenings.

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We do have a dress code of smart/casual for our event evenings unless stated otherwise.

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Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos (available at a small supplement on the day)
Fancy Dress Optional • Easter Egg hunt around the gardens

£10.00 per child aged 3-16, 2 and Under Free
Parents come free, special lunch deals in the Courtyard Bar

Hawaiian Party

28th May | 11am - 2pm

Join us for our Hawaiian BBQ Party with Funky Footsteps entertaining Children of all ages.

DJ with Dancing & Party Games • Buffet Lunch • Craft Table with cookie decorating
Face Painting and Glitter Tattoos (available at a small supplement on the day)
Fancy Dress Optional • Bouncy Castle

£10.00 per child aged 3-16, 2 and Under Free
Parents come free, special lunch deals in the Courtyard Bar

Cake, glorious cake – take a trip to award-winning artisan bakery

FANCY a slice of rich, luscious chocolate and salted butter caramel tart? Or a gooey, melt-in-the-mouth peanut butter and chocolate brownie? Or perhaps you'd prefer a fruity, flavoursome helping of carrot cake with passion fruit frosting?

If you need cake then frankly there is only one place to go – the delicious, delectable Bruno's Bakes & Coffee in Rochester High Street.

The artisan bakery and coffee shop specialises in both classic French and modern American bakes, cakes, tarts, pies and desserts thanks to the dual influence of pastry chef Bruno Breillet and front of house manager Rick Furno.

Bruno's captivating concoctions have won him a myriad of awards – including five gold stars from the Guild of Fine Foods, a BBC Good Food Show award for his salted butter caramel, and a nomination for customer service of the year in this year's Kent Life and Kent on Sunday Food and Drink Awards.

Everything is freshly made on the premises by Bruno and his apprentice, Charlotte Ashley, using the best fresh ingredients – organic



VISIT: Check out the tasty treats in store at the Rochester bakery

flour, butter, fresh cream – and Rick believes this is the key to the café's success.

"There is always something different here. You never know what you are going to get when you come through the door," he said.

"Bruno is always creating new things and trying new combinations of flavours.

"We provide a variety that you can't find anywhere else in the area. There are usually up to 30 different

kinds of cakes, tarts and pies on offer – sometimes there's also a quiche or a croque monsieur."

Bruno also caters for weddings, birthdays and functions, and the café has a meeting room for up to eight people (which is free to book), as well as a garden and a courtyard, the latter covered and heated so it can be used all year round.

A former caterer for several London restaurants, Bruno learned to cook from his mother and grand-

mother when he was growing up in Lyon, arguably modern France's gastronomic capital.

"We have built up a local cult following and have had some famous visitors, but we are still like the best kept secret on the high street," Rick adds.

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Take a walk through county town's rich heritage at inspiring museum

IF YOU enjoy culture and heritage then look no further than Maidstone Museum and Bently Art Gallery; one of the finest regional museums in Britain, right in the heart of the town centre.

Maidstone Museum is housed in the gorgeous Chillington Manor, an Elizabethan manor house, and is home to internationally significant collections, especially in ethnography, Japanese decorative arts, Ancient Egyptian artefacts, archaeology and costume.

Visiting the museum is an interactive and fun day out. Pick up one of the exciting trail packs, travel back in time and explore the myths and legends behind the museum's collections. Or grab an iPad and let Spike the dinosaur guide you around. Have a go at digging fossils and try on some historic costumes on your way round!

Throughout the year there is a great schedule of special events and learning activities, so you are sure to find something going on no matter when you visit. This year you can experience the sights, smells and sounds of a Tudor Christmas or learn to draw your own cartoon characters at one of the many great



SURPRISING: Dinosaurs are not the only surprise awaiting visitors

workshops over the winter.

On the last Thursday of every month, at Museum Lates, you can experience the museum after dark and get involved in some great interactive activities.

There are also tours of the building and the collections every month. If you want to get more hands-on, then book onto a Cur8 session to have the chance to get up close to the museum's artefacts.

Before you go, stop by the café

and enjoy a warm drink and a delicious cake to refuel. Then visit the museum shop on the way out for some special Christmas gift inspiration.

Maidstone has a rich cultural heritage which makes for a great experience all year around but in winter it is always just that extra bit special.

There is a wealth of beautiful heritage buildings to be discovered, such as the Archbishop's Palace, All

Saints' Church and Stoneacre, which tell the tales of Maidstone's past.

The amazing castles, such as the former royal palace Leeds Castle, and the stunning scenic ruins of Sutton Valence and Thurnham are testament to the historical importance of Maidstone as a strategic location.

The museum in St Faith's Street, is open Monday to Saturday (except bank holidays), and on Sundays from April – October.

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Fostering relations to ensure a happy future for families

SINCE 1997, Chrysalis Care have been providing high quality foster care for children and young people and have always been committed to transforming their lives for the better, believing that children deserve the very best opportunities in life.

This vision was that of the founder Directors, Lynda and Lou Boden, themselves previously foster carers for 15 years and it remains central to the organisation today, as Directors Alle Pflaumer and Sarah Boden-de Mel continue the vision that their parents created.

As an Ofsted rated 'outstanding' organisation, something else that hasn't changed over the years, is Chrysalis Care's recognition of the importance of their diverse foster carer team.

They pride themselves on matching children and young people to families who are best able to meet their needs, whether it is a teenager, a baby, a parent and their child or a child with disabilities, who needs an emergency, short or long term home.

With the help of Chrysalis Care's support, guidance, training and 24 hour, 365 days 'on call' facility, Chrysalis Care foster carers provide children and young

people with a stable and nurturing environment.

Chrysalis Care believe that every child deserves to be nurtured, cared for and kept safe, whatever their background or reason for being in the care system and works in partnership with all concerned to tailor the service to meet those needs.

This may include therapeutic intervention, such as Art Therapy or Psychotherapy, educational support, mentoring, or life story work, amongst other services.

Their foster carers work alongside fully qualified social workers who are there to offer support, advice and guidance every step of the way.

Chrysalis Care seek, recruit and assess foster carers from a range of cultural, religious and ethnic backgrounds, mixed age groups and both single people and couples, who are stringently assessed by qualified social workers.

Their foster carers have open minds, open hearts and truly want to make a difference to the lives of the children and young people they care for, recognising that fostering will no doubt transform their own lives too!

Prospective foster carers can call 0208 2982800, email info@chrysaliscare.org.

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First-class service and great value make family plumbers a perfect fit

NEED a plumbing and heating merchant who combines a first-class service with great value prices? Then make sure you call J&S Plumbing and Heating Centre. The family-run business, which is based in Chatham, Kent, has been growing every year since it began four years ago, and offers competitive prices on boilers, radiators, bathroom suites, controls, sundries and much more.

But what owner Shaun Harris prides himself on most is the excellent service the company offers.

And given that his customers are always recommending him, he's got every reason to do so.

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Ellie appears alongside The Voice finalist Jamie Johnson, who plays the

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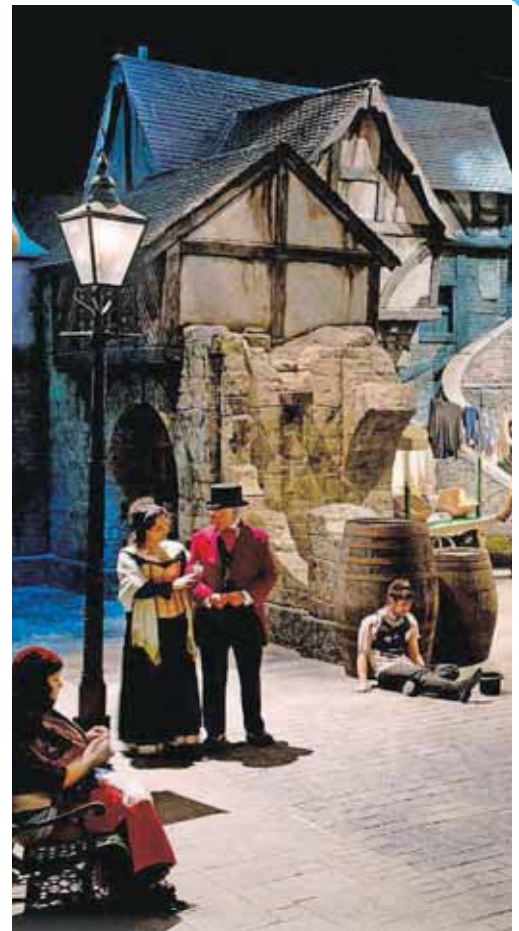
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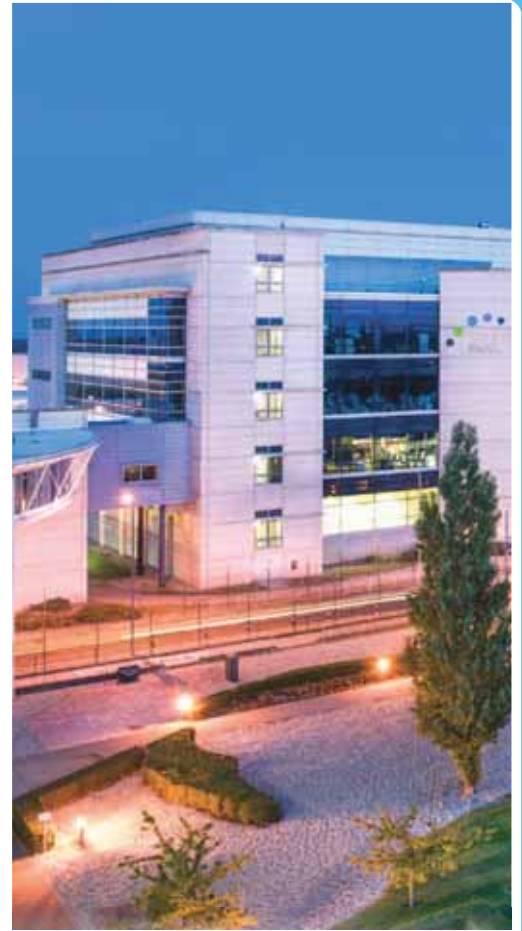
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FULL OF LIFE: How Woodchurch House aims to create a new beginning

There are also a variety of clubs, including a monthly men's club (which has been known to involve beer tasting), a craft club, a knitting circle, a gardening club and even a choir taught by a choirmaster. A bridge club is also in the offing.

There's even an afternoon happy hour once a week where the home sets up a bar.

"There's something going on every day. Entertainers come in

and there is lots of music and singing," Gill added.

"We have a very jolly time here. There is always something for someone to get involved in. But we always respect people's privacy and dignity – if they don't want to get involved, that's okay too.

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Couple put their wedding on ice

By Molly Kersey

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THE first dance at a couple's wedding is always an important one.

As man and wife they take to the floor and demonstrate their love for one another as they sway to music applauded – and then joined – by their friends and family.

But when Lynette Matthews, 33, and James Pickard, 34, from Sittingbourne, tied the knot last weekend, they decided that simply taking to the dance floor was a little too simple.

So having had the ceremony and enjoyed a celebration for their nearest and dearest at Hotel du Vin in Tunbridge Wells, the happy couple proved, quite literally, that stepping out in marriage is a case of skating around issues, and making sure you're there to pick your partner up when they stumble.

Because they lead their party down the slopes of the picturesque Calverley Grounds which neighbour the park and to the town's temporary winter ice rink.

And there they and their guests mingled with members of the public who had pulled their skates on for a quick festive spin around the rink.

Explains the new Mrs Pickard: "I lived in Tunbridge Wells for a while and have always been Christmas mad.

"I've been to the ice rink a few times and thought, wouldn't it be amazing to do something different for our wedding."

Remarkably, despite having only gone skating a few times before, they conducted themselves in some style.

"Well we didn't fall over, which was impressive," Mrs Pickard joked.

"James has only done it a few times, and I have only done it a few times as well. It was magical. It was so Christmassy and everyone absolutely loved it."

Mrs Pickard admitted she was unsure how many of the guests would like to join them on the ice but said that a lot of them were happy to get into the spirit of the occasion.

"We absolutely loved the ice skating as did all the guests who joined in and the ones who watched," she said. "Some 35 people got involved and all wore their Christmas jumpers."

The couple, who live in Bapchild, near Sittingbourne, met through work 18 months ago.

And perhaps unsurprisingly, as they jetted off on their honeymoon it was to enjoy another festive event.

"We are off to Austria to go and see the Christmas markets," she explained to KoS.

"My parents have got a place there so we go there quite a lot anyway.

"It's a lovely atmosphere around Christmas.

"We are going to drink some mulled wine and make the most of it."

The Tunbridge Wells ice rink has once again proved a major hit for the west Kent town this winter.

Introduced several years ago in a bid to pull visitors into the very heart



SKATE FUN: The happy couple take to the ice. Pictures courtesy of Samuel Photography.

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Mixed fortunes for county's retailers

As part of our campaign to Shop Local! this Christmas, we ask how our independent traders have fared so far this year

By Jamie Weir

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WITH Christmas almost upon us, independent retailers say they are hopeful that the economy is beginning to turn a corner, but that more needs to be done if the county's high streets are to be saved.

The festive spending season is normally the big money spinner for most retailers – whether independent or not – and this year is no different.

With £91 billion forecast to pour into the economy as a result of present buying according to retail analysts, Verdict – the stakes are high for our independent retailers.

However, it isn't just Christmas that counts, with the whole year crucial for the smaller retailers, who, unable to compete with the volume of large chains, need to ensure that they are performing whether it's winter, summer or spring.

Hanne Hother founded her boutique Scandinavian design shop Hos

Hother in Sevenoaks in October, 2012. She told KoS the past year has been mixed for her.

She said: "It has been very up and down, with some good periods and others which weren't so good. It has taken a while for Christmas spending to kick in for us, and it certainly seemed to come later this year than last."

"However, people are spending and we are seeing solid footfall."

But, she says, the shop has faced problems with parking proving a particular issue.

"Parking is free in the area, which is great," explains Ms Hother. "The problem is that instead of shoppers using it, we find that there are a lot of commuters who end up taking it instead. That's no good, as it means that people can't come here and access shops easily, dragging our offering down considerably."

She says that her council has started a consultation into the issue, and are seeking to address the problem, but that it hasn't helped in the run up to Christmas.

And traffic is, predictably, one of the county's retailers biggest

bug-bears elsewhere in the county.

Canterbury shop owner Debbie Barwick told KoS that shopping in the city is a nightmare for her customers.

She said: "It's absolutely awful here at the moment, and all the High Street's problems are down to traffic. There's no bus service running past our area of the city now, which means that any customers who do come to Canterbury are funnelled elsewhere."

"That situation has been made worse by totally insufficient parking, alongside rumours that existing parking is set to be sold off."

Mrs Barwick, who has run her shop, Revivals, for the past 25 years, recently founded the retail lobbying organisation, the Canterbury Independent Traders' Association in the city.

Her group already has 106 small, independent traders signed up to its books, and she says that the troublesome problem of parking has hit all of them.

The nub of it, she says, is that the lack of parking makes supporting local shops an inconvenience that



many shoppers simply aren't willing to stomach.

Mrs Barwick explains: "The problem is that it has become easier to shop online, or go to an out of town shopping centre where they welcome customers with good, cheap, or free parking."

"I had a customer who gave up in the end, after she had been stuck in traffic for 45 minutes trying to get to my shop."

So what of the future and 2015 for Mrs Barwick? She says that the traders she represents are feeling the

pinch more now than even at the height of the credit crunch.

She said: "Traders in Canterbury are struggling right now. The real frustration for me is that no-one will care until it's too late. It's only then that parking will become available, once the city has already died."

Although Mrs Barwick, and other traders in Canterbury are suffering, some in the county are feeling more hopeful for the future.

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the Kent Independent Retailer of the Year awards. He told KoS that people are beginning to spend more, but they're still hunting out bargains where they can.

He said: "People are beginning to spend again after the last five years or so of austerity. But, what we find they are willing to spend on, is good, high quality products at prices which still show good value.

"It is certainly busy for us at the moment, and we've seen a real increase in footfall over the last year."

He puts the store's success down to

a simple blend of high quality goods not offered by bigger retailers, and real local sourcing.

He said: "We offer something that the internet and big chains don't. A real connection to the local area. I personally know all my suppliers, and have worked with them to make sure my customers get the best possible products.

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PARKING: Has proved a problem for retailers across the county

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One of its initiatives this year, has been the creation of a high street advent calendar. Each day in December, a new high street is unveiled by the organisation as an

example of the best local shopping areas in the country.

Folkestone High Street was the advent high street on Thursday (December 11).

The Great British High Street group says the town deserved to feature on the calendar because of the high standards of collaboration between the town centre management team, businesses, landlords and the council.

The organisation praised the town, saying: "In addition to

building support for improving the appearance of their town centre, they have also encouraged volunteer involvement and provided paid work experience for local unemployed people, providing them with support and a route to help them back to work."

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Golly dolls at Dickensian festival spark race row

Labour complains to Medway Council after controversial cuddly toy is spotted on sale during last weekend's popular Rochester Christmas festival



ON SALE: Golly dolls have sparked political row

By Chris Murphy
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A POLITICAL row has broken out after controversial cuddly 'golly' toys were on sale at a council-run Christmas festival in Medway.

The leader of the unitary authority's opposition Labour group said he is concerned they should be available, given their racist connotations in today's society (see box).

What was once an acceptable child's toy is now often seen as an insult to black people. It was spotted on sale in Rochester's Castle Gardens during the popular Dickensian Christmas Festival.

Labour leader Vince Maple, who also organises the annual Love Music Hate Racism music festival, was informed of the stand selling the controversial dolls after a picture appeared, without comment, on Twitter.

It was later re-Tweeted by Ukip's newest MP, Mark Reckless, also without comment. It was one of four in a collage of shots from the fair. Mr Reckless says he couldn't see the fuss and denied they were controversial.

But the picture, taken by a lady called Sue, from Strood, has created a storm because it was a council organised event.

Mr Maple told us he has now written to Richard Hicks, the deputy director of the council to complain.

He wrote: "It has come to my attention that inappropriate toys have been sold on a stall during this weekend's Dickens Festival.

"Named toys include 'Rasta Golly' 'Mini Rasta Golly' and 'Hand Knitted Golly'. I have seen images of this on Twitter. I am sure this is not something the council would approve of; the history of these toys is well documented.

"Could I ask to ensure that no such items are sold at council run events in the future."

Cllr Maple told KoS: "I didn't particularly see the stall. I wish to make it clear, but I had a couple of people point out to me the photos that were on Mark Reckless' Twitter feed.

"Clearly, to see that at a council run event, which Dickens Christmas is, I thought was inappropriate.

"Clearly those dolls have got a very long history and even in recent history, they have been at the centre of racist controversy.

The dolls, selling for £45 on the stall, were on sale during the festival which took place last weekend.

Medway Council said the matter has become "political" and did not wish to comment.

Rochester and Strood MP Mark Reckless, who shocked the Conservatives when he defected to Ukip and won his seat again during a high profile by-election at the end of last month, told us he saw nothing wrong with the dolls.

Asked if he had any thoughts about it being on sale, he told us: "Not really.

"I hadn't actually noticed it when I re-tweeted it. I thought it was a good collage of what was going on at the Dickens Christmas festival.

"But I don't think it's a controversy I need to have in to."

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ONE OFF PERFORMANCE:
Regular panellists including Alan Davies will be in the line-up

QI quiz show will come to Kent University in new year

A special edition of the popular show will be performed live in Canterbury

A special one-off version of hit BBC TV quiz show QI is to be held at the University of Kent in the new year, as part of the institution's 50th birthday celebrations.

The line up will include regular panellists Alan Davies, Sandi Toksvig, Jo Brand and Phil Jupitus. Stephen Fry will not be present, but his place on the panel will be taken by the show's creator and producer, John Lloyd.

Completing the line-up will be the University of Kent's senior lecturer in drama and theatre Dr Oliver Double.

The performance will be taking place at the university's Canterbury campus on February 9 2015.

All profits from the ticket sales of 'QI Live at Kent' will go towards the Kent Opportunity Fund, which

supports scholarships and projects for student's extracurricular activities and bursaries for students in financial hardship.

Producer John Lloyd said: "I genuinely can't wait to put this on."

"We've got an unbeatable line-up of panellists, a fabulous venue, the whole QI research team behind us and it's all for an excellent cause."

"What's not to get excited about? It's going to be an absolute hoot."

QI is a comedy game show whose guiding principle is that everything can be interesting if you look at it in the right way.

A series of extremely hard questions are posed to the panellists, and while they rarely know the right answer they are awarded points for providing interesting or amusing ones.

Launched in 2003 and currently

airing on BBC2 on Fridays at 10pm, the show is watched all over the world and has spawned publications including the 'General Ignorance' series, a 'Museum of Curiosity' radio show on BBC Radio 4 and weekly podcasts by 'QI Elves'.

Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Keith Mander said: "We're delighted to host a special performance of such a popular show- especially as all the panellists have a strong connection with the university."

"It promises to be an entertaining, informative evening for everyone involved, with the money we raise going towards the Kent Opportunity Fund."

Alan Davies is a former student, Jo Brand has an honorary doctorate, Sandi Toksvig has an honorary degree and lives in nearby Herne Bay, while Phill Jupitus' two

children are both at the university.

'QI Live at Kent' will take place from 7pm to 8.30pm in the Colyer-Fergusson Hall.

Seats in the hall have now sold out but special live screenings, hosted by students and alumni from the university, will also be shown at venues across the Canterbury campus.

The exciting event can still be viewed at a live screening show in the Gulbenkian Cinema, and tickets are priced at £10 each.

In addition to this, tickets to an exclusive after-show buffet dinner at nearby Darwin Hall are also available following the event.

The tickets are £20 per person, along with cinema live stream tickets.

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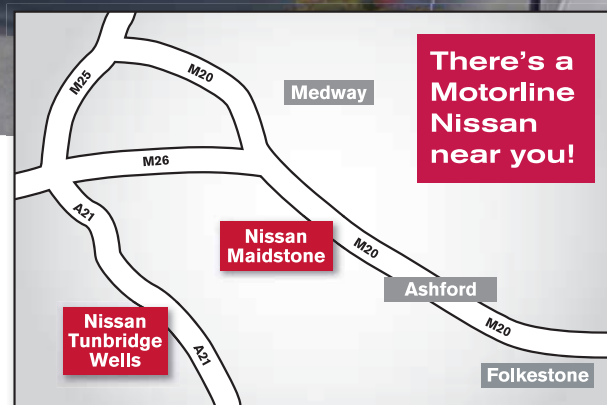


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Take home a slice of a classic cathedral sound

By Molly Kersey

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THE world famous choir of Canterbury Cathedral has recorded a new CD.

The new recording, which is called Evensong, features the full vocal range of the choir and was made as a result of a huge number of requests.

They were directed by Dr David Flood, Master of Choristers and Organist at Canterbury Cathedral.

The organ was played by David Newsholme, assistant organist at the cathedral.

"The Cathedral Choir's new CD is a response to the hundreds of requests for a recording of Evensong," Dr Flood explained.

"This recording captures the choir in fine form and includes some outstanding music from its wide repertoire, linked with readings chosen by the Dean of Canterbury, the Very Rev Dr Robert Willis."

Evensong is the form of evening prayer used by the Church of England, which was written by Archbishop Thomas Crammer.

It has been used since the 16th



century and incorporates elements of two Benedictine services, Vespers and Compline, that were sung daily by the monks in Canterbury Cathedral prior to the Reformation.

Crammer combined some of the words used in both services to create today's form of Evensong.

It is sung or said every day at the cathedral, and the recording provides a sample of the tradition.

It contains a variety of music from many eras.

Dr Flood added: "It includes a

wonderful recording of Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten, the Magnificat by Giles Swayne, the Nunc dimittis by Gustav Holst, and the anthem written for the Jubilee of the Queen in 2012 by Will Todd, Call of Wisdom.

"With some fine organ voluntaries from David Newsholme, this is a disc not to be missed."

Evensong is £12.50 and it is available from the cathedral's shop. For more information or to purchase it, visit

www.cathedral-enterprises.co.uk



CATHEDRAL: CD will be music to many people's ears



SOOTHING: Evensong is available to buy now

Geek confirms 2015 dates

VIDEO game festival Geek has confirmed it will return to Margate for a three-day event from February 20 to 22.

The event, focusing on the evolution of gaming, will be at Margate Winter Gardens.



Private Widdle returns

PAUL Foot will be taking a mini-break from his UK tour to host The Private Widdle Social Club's Christmas Cracker Show at The Arcade, Dreamland, on December 19 at 7pm.

Booking is essential and tickets can be purchased at www.dreamlandchristmas-cracker.eventbrite.co.uk

Vote for X Factor hopeful

WEST Wickham's Ben Haenow is going for glory this weekend after securing a place in the X Factor grand final.

The 29-year-old will vie with Fleur East and Andrea Faustini to be crowned the winner.



Horsebridge's film boost

It's lights, camera, action at the Horsebridge Centre, Whitstable, where the British Film Institute is set to deliver some £5,000 worth of new equipment.

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TV star due in Maidstone

THE star of BBC2's comedy show *Mock The Week*, Andy Parsons, will be bringing his new show *Live and Unleashed- But Naturally Cautious* to the Hazlitt Theatre, Maidstone, on February 26 at 8pm.

For more details or to book please, visit www.parkwoodtheatres.co.uk

Pixie visits Bluewater

FRESH from her appearance on *Strictly Come Dancing*, pop princess Pixie Lott appeared at Bluewater on Thursday to greet her Kent fans.

The star lost out to Simon Webbe in the dance off.



Best-seller brought to life

THE stage adaptation of of Dead Simple, Peter James' all time best-selling novel, will premiere at Dartford's Orchard Theatre from January 14 to 17.

A host of famous faces including Tina Hobley and Jamie Lomas will bring the work to life.

For more information or to book please, visit www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

Show brings magic of Motown to Churchill

By Molly Kersey

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CELEBRATING 50 years of number one hit singles, the Magic of Motown is bringing a brand new Reach Out 2014 tour to town.

Well-loved songs including *Dancing in the Street*, *My Girl*, *Where Did Our Love Go* and *My Guy* rocketed Motown to the top of the singles charts in 1964.

The Magic of Motown gives audience members the chance to relive the classic hits.

They will be performing at The Churchill Theatre, Bromley, on January 30 at 8pm.

Direct from the USA, the Magic of Motown will authentically revive the style and sophistication of everyone's favourite Motown legends.

Show producer Michael Taylor told us: "Sadly, many of the original Motown legends are either no longer with us or no longer touring."

"The Magic of Motown is the nearest you'll get to authentically capturing their incredible musical legacy in a live show."



"Our young cast is able to reflect the exuberance and excitement of these songs as they were originally performed."

"The Magic of Motown 2014 Reach Out tour brings to the stage 36 of these chart-toppers back to back in one critically acclaimed production."

"This year we're proud to announce that the show will include more number one hits than ever before."

"As well as dazzling dance moves, and glittering costumes galore, the elusive, authentic

sound of Motown is recreated by our incredible Magic of Motown band."

Care is taken to reproduce the look of the Motown stars on stage.

Employing the services of top costume designer Claire Davis, they have created a selection of colourful costumes for the cast.

Leading man Andre Lejaune choreographs the cast to perform the intricate dance moves which made the Motown stars famous.

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Respond to the Christmas carol message

By Rev Anthony Everett

Christ Church, Herne Bay

MANY songs both modern and more traditional have a special place in people's hearts and minds.

This may be due to particular memories or relationships.

Many people would have a favourite Christmas carol, perhaps one that they sang as a child, or one that has particular family memories.

In this year, the hundredth anniversary of the start of the First World War has meant that Silent Night has reverberated around our major football stadiums.

Teams have stood together to celebrate the Christmas truce that occurred 100 years ago with the rumoured singing of Silent Night across the trenches and the outbreak of spontaneous football matches certainly behind the trenches and probably in the neutral zone.

For Christians, Christmas carols of course have a much deeper significance as they reflect the belief that Christmas is all about the arrival of the Son of God into the world.

Jesus' coming has inspired some memorable songs and tunes.

The writers of carols wanted people to know what was really happening that first Christmas so although we may think that all the carols are basically the same actually they are not.



THINK: If you attend a nativity this Christmas spare a thought for the message in the carols you will sing

So whether you hear a carol in a supermarket, join a nativity celebration at school or church, listen to carols on TV or go to a carol service, here are some things to think about.

How well do we keep our promises to one another?

At Christmas we may promise a

present to someone that we then find it impossible to get.

Some carols remind us that God keeps his promises. He promised hundreds of years before that one would come to deal with all the things we do wrong.

Silent Night, It Came Upon a

Midnight Clear and even Little Donkey remind us of such a thing.

The recent Netmums survey about how few schools now have a traditional nativity has caused great debate as to whether this is right or wrong.

I will experience both this Christmas but even in the least

traditional of events every time we hear or sing While Shepherds Watched, We three Kings, The First Nowell, and The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy we are reminded of the events of that first Christmas.

Like all good songs these carols are meant to engage our emotions and so we are encouraged to respond in wonder and joy.

The fact that God enters our world in Jesus to show us what God is like and that He wants us to know Him as father and friend has to invoke an emotional response.

The last verse of In The Bleak Midwinter illustrates this

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;

If I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;

Yet what I can I give him: Give my heart.

As you hear or sing a carol this Christmas will you pause a moment and think 'What is Christmas really all about? How can I respond?'



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Overwhelming diversity in Bolivia

TRAVEL REVIEW: Bolivia

by Sarah Marshall

HINDERED by ongoing industrial disputes and a controversial socialist administration, Bolivia has always been the poor child of South America, rich in natural resources but failing to attract the tourist numbers of neighbouring Peru.

Yet its overwhelmingly diverse scenery and largely unexplored archaeological sites evoke a sense of real discovery for anyone who visits.

I'd arrived in Bolivia several days earlier, crossing the border from Chile at Hijo Canjon, with a local knowledgeable driver. Turning onto a bumpy dirt track, I waved goodbye to paved tarmac and road signs for the next seven days, embarking on a journey that would take me through the Andes and Bolivia's Altiplano, climbing to head-thumping heights of 5,000m.

Undoubtedly Bolivia's greatest tourist attraction is the Salar de Uyuni, the world's largest salt flat, pulled taut like a blinding white blank canvas across a 12,000sq km frame.

Formed from prehistoric lakes, the honeycomb patchwork of crystallized crust is also a cause of concern for environmentalists, as a rich source of lithium lies beneath its surface, a prospect too tempting for the government to ignore.

Having stayed the night at Palacio del Sal, a hotel carved entirely from salt, we drive to Incahuasi, one of many island oases dotted across the flats, and climb a path weaving through tall, bulbous cacti.

Our journey continues for several hours before salt gives way to soil at the foot of Mount Tanupa, where llamas graze in the shadow of Santos Quispe Cayo's sculpture garden.



UNSPOILT AND STUNNING: Bolivia has much to offer visitors keen on big views and in big setting

Many of the country's hotels are community run - to varying degrees of success.

One flourishing business is the Tomarapi Ecolodge in the Sajama National Park, where guests stay in simple lodges and homemade food is cooked in an outdoor clay oven.

The park's main attraction is the 6,542m Sajama volcano, the second highest peak in South America, but we choose to tackle less arduous

walking trails during our stay.

Passing a bofedal, where camelids gather to graze and drink water, we trek through bristly teardrops of bunched hard grass and yareta plants that bear a disturbing resemblance to neon cowpats, until we reach a patch of khenua bushes, constituting the highest forest in the world.

Five communities still live inside the national park, and we encounter families using volcanic stones to

build barbecues, and cholitas (indigenous women in traditional dress) boiling eggs in the hot springs of geyser fields.

But even in big cities such as La Paz, it's possible to find cholitas wearing bowler hats and a millefeuille of petticoats, as we discover when we visit.

As we ride in a new government-funded cable car above the city, I look down and see a guitar-strumming

SARAH Marshall was a guest of HighLives Travel.

They offer the 13-day Bolivian Odyssey from £2,100 per person - excluding flights.

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Extension to Sajama National Park costs from £600 per person.

The tour includes accommodation, transfers, guided tours and some meals.

minstrel singing to tombs in the city's main cemetery, an extremely moving practice that's been undertaken for years. Although of great benefit to the local community, I wonder if the money spent on the Teleferico project could have been better invested elsewhere - namely in excavating some of the country's largely unexplored archaeological sites.

The most famous to date is Tiwanaku, just outside La Paz, a pre-Colombian city thought to be twice the size of Machu Picchu and thousands of years older.

Despite being exposed to the sun and wind, the sunken floor of a grand temple is remarkably well preserved, featuring a series of unnerving sandstone faces, which some scholars theorize were created to reflect the different cultures passing through the community at that time.

During my visit, I count just four people excavating the still largely uncovered site, and I wonder, at this rate, how many years it will take for Bolivia to discover its truly inexhaustible resource.

For now though, until the correct funding is in place, perhaps it's safer it remains underground.

Film Reviews by Damon Smith



The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (12A, 144 mins) Action/Comedy/Adventure/Romance

IT has been a long and sometimes gruelling slog since The Lord Of The Rings: The Return Of The King.

Giddy expectation has crashed and burned, with only a few

smouldering embers for ardent fans to stoke in the hope that Jackson might redeem himself with this concluding chapter of The Hobbit trilogy.

Alas, The Battle Of Five Armies bids farewell to the hobbits, dwarfs and elves with a whimper rather than a bang.

The script occasionally deviates from Tolkien's source text, contriving one superfluous and protracted interlude with elvish allies Elrond and Galadriel and wizard Saruman to provide a flimsy bridge between the two series.

Jackson's mastery of action sequences is beyond doubt - the two set pieces, which bookend this film, are executed with flair, precision and a miasma of impressive digital effects.

However, all that technical sound and fury without comparable emotional heft makes for increasingly wearisome viewing.

As the fate of Middle Earth hangs in the balance, Thorin sacrifices everything in his selfish pursuit of the mythical Arkenstone.

The film follows a similar template to earlier pictures, resolving plot strands including the forbidden romance of Tauriel and Kili as the blood flows in brutal fight sequences.

Comical interludes with Alfrid seem to jar with the darker tone that pervades this chapter, including the inevitable loss of at least one hero in the melee.

Freeman's performance provides a flimsy emotional fulcrum while co-stars battle with their characters' demons or hordes of bloodthirsty orcs.

As the end credits roll, accompanied by an original song from Billy Boyd who played Pippin in The Lord Of The Rings saga, we feel a sense of relief rather than sadness.

Rating: 6/10.



Tinker Bell and the Legend of the Neverbeast (U, 76 mins) Animation/Fantasy/Drama/Comedy.)

TINKER Bell And The Legend Of The Neverbeast is the sixth and most enjoyable instalment in the series so far, referencing Beauty And The Beast and the fable of

Androcles and the lion to teach children - particularly girls - that true beauty comes from within.

Director Steve Loter and his team of animators dilute that message by festooning the screen with pretty, slim, rosy-cheeked and beautifully coiffured protagonists dressed in figure hugging fairy fashions. But it's the thought that counts.

Rating: 6/10

YOU may be tempted by expensive, fancy table decorations and wreaths in shops, but, if you look in your garden, you'll find some brilliant adornments for free.

All you need for an effective table decoration, for instance, is a few uniform-sized small glass holders into which a single cone can be placed, topped with a flower such as an orchid, as demonstrated by Judith Blacklock, principal of The Judith Blacklock Flower School.

Garden foliage can form the base of a cornucopia of decorations. Take clippings from evergreens including conifers, box, holly and ivy, to make a base for wreaths and swags to which you can add berries, fruits, baubles and bows.

Common plants which are ideal include *Skimmia japonica*, which has glossy red berries and leaves which are much easier to handle than holly because they don't have the accompanying spikes, Judith says.

"Variegated holly is another great choice because of the wonderful variegated foliage, while berried ivy, *Hedera Helix Arborescens* produces black fruits which are at their best at Christmas," she said.

"Fruiting ivy can be found in virtually every garden hedgerow and placed in a vase with flowers like anemones threaded through.

"Spray the leaves with gold for a really festive effect."

Add *skimmia* and bay from your garden to traditional wreaths. If you



FREE INDOOR DECORATIONS AND ADORNMENTS: Bringing a little piece of your garden inside can really help to get you into the Christmas spirit

Look to garden for decoration

want to add bits of dried fruit, cinnamon sticks, berries or baubles, make sure you have plenty of them.

Judith says: "Go natural – collect, use and spray leaves, berries, seed heads and cones. The best way to spray is by placing your finds in a small box. Spray once, close and rattle the box, then open and spray again.

Achieve more scent with a room spray or an unobtrusive scented stick such as the newly launched Scentsicles, biodegradable dark green or brown sticks, which you can add to a wreath or decoration (£6 per pack of six in four fragrances, from John Lewis and leading garden centres).

Judith has even developed a design featuring a Brussels sprout base

topped with *skimmia* berries and anemones.

Cut a piece of foam (keep it dry) into a vertical column that is sufficiently wide and tall to hold a container. Press the container firmly into the foam to mould the shape and depth of it and then remove the container and with a knife cut out the piece of foam so your container fits.

The rim of the container should rise just above the foam.

Cut some cocktail sticks in two and trim the spouts so they have a smooth base and insert a stick into the base of each sprout, positioned in the foam.

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Gloag's charity influences?

A COUPLE of months before Ann Gloag closed Manston Airport, she was approached to join Bill Gates' Giving pledge campaign by the Microsoft boss's wife Melinda.

Ann Gloag has signed up to the scheme and pledged to give away half of her estimated £500 million fortune before she dies. I believe the timing of this is very significant.

Could it be that with advancing age, she realised that to realise her new charitable commitment she made a mistake with Manston and doesn't have the time to waste on it with her greater ambitions?

She approached leaders in Kent for suggestions, KCC steps in and persuades her this is a great opportunity to start afresh with Manston and there are appropriate developers waiting.

Perhaps she was persuaded that this was in Kent's best interest and she went along with it because she wanted out as soon as possible.

The sad thing is Manston was about to be successful, it just became owned by the wrong person at the wrong time in her life as her circumstances suddenly changed.

I propose that senior leaders in the Government talk to Ann Gloag and make her realise she has been given very bad advice. Impress upon her that Manston will either be an airport or a toxic wasteland, that for any developer it would be like building on the side of a mountain such is the outcry of public opinion.

I propose that government officials ask Ann Gloag to bury her differences with Riveroak and they work together for a new beginning as a global hub for distribution by air of international aid. This would have great synergy with her ambitions for charitable work in Africa.

Kent is well placed to provide all kinds of services like biomedicine, solar heaters, solar panels, water purification plants, temporary shelter, medical equipment and supplies, education supplies – the potential list is endless. Pharmaceutical plants need to be near an airport. Develop the Discovery Park for these.

It could be the envy of the world and really put Thanet on the map. Add to this cargo and airplane dismantling, it's something to get excited about.

Mike Thompson
 Waltham

Stay alert over flood defences

IT IS extremely good news that the Government has pledged another £10 million for sea defences on Romney Marsh.

I would add a word of appreciation to both our local MPs, Damian Collins and Amber

LETTER OF THE WEEK



Real price of homes on greenfield sites

DESPITE the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)'s excellent campaign to build new housing on previously developed brownfield land (KoS 30.11), many local authorities in Kent and elsewhere continue to grant permission for housing on undeveloped greenfield sites.

Why? Because they do not have up-to-date local plans and housing needs assessments as required since 2012.

This means that, although there may be sufficient brownfield land available, developers wishing to build houses on greenfield sites have a good chance of successfully appealing rejected planning applications.

In Thanet, the council recently withdrew its objections to a 550 house development on agricultural land near Westwood Cross because it doesn't have an up-to-date development plan or housing assessment.

It's virtually certain that an application for 880 houses on farmland outside Ramsgate and plans to build houses on the 700 acres of open spaces at the former Manston Airport site will be approved for the same reason.

I was shocked to learn last week that Thanet's revised development

plan and housing assessment will not be ready until 2017 – that's an incredible five years in the making.

This means that despite abundant brownfield land, the next two years will be 'open season' for developers wishing to build on our greenfield sites and there is little we can do to stop them.

Sadly I suspect that delays in preparing Thanet's development plan and housing assessment may be deliberate. Because for every house built in their area, councils receive an additional Government payment equivalent to the council tax paid on that property for a period of six years. This could mean a windfall of several million for cash-strapped councils like Thanet.

So despite the 2011 manifesto promise by Thanet's ruling Labour Party to protect greenfield and open spaces from development; Thanet and many other councils are forced to drag their feet in producing new local plans so as to milk a perversely incentivised cash cow and destroy much of our rural environment in the process.

Cllr Ian Driver
 Green Party,
 Thanet District Council

Rudd, MP for Hastings & Rye.

Very soon after they were elected they took time to appraise themselves of the serious threat of flooding to Romney Marsh, and have done everything they can to encourage the Government to make funds available.

The Environment Agency already has in place a number of schemes, which if implemented together would certainly give reasonable protection for the Marsh.

I was encouraged by a visit to the Broomhill Scheme which will give added protection to the homes and properties at Jury's Gap and Camber.

I was disappointed that so few people bothered to attend the public consultation events put on recently by the Environment Agency to give local people the opportunity to make their comments on the various schemes to protect the Marsh.

This is no time for complacency. With rising sea levels and climate change, parts of the Marsh are extremely vulnerable, and if one part of the Marsh is breached then, as some of us have said so many times before, the whole Marsh is at risk.

The Dymchurch scheme and

now the Broomhill scheme are excellent.

Now that the promised funding is in place to carry out the remaining schemes, pressure must continue until they are completed.

Terry Preston,
 Former Chairman of Defend our Coast Association (DOC)

We are ready for winter weather

I WAS disappointed to read your reader H Bell's letter (KoS, 30.11) suggesting that the "few flakes" of snow that settle in Kent bring the county to a standstill every winter.

This is nonsense and wholly unfair. I wonder if H Bell actually lives in Kent.

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David Brazier,
 KCC cabinet member,
 environment & transport

Pity the foreign driver at tunnel

WITH reference to the Dartford Crossing article (KoS, last week) in which Luke Bosnet of the AA highlighted some of the issues raised with the new tolling system, it missed out what will be the real money earner for the Highways Agency.

That is fines, especially from foreign registered vehicles.

While some of the major foreign haulage companies will be up to date, how about the occasional users, like tourists?

How will they know for example that they can use the whole of the motorway system for free which includes the Medway/M2 bridge, yet a few miles further on, have to pay to use this tiny section of the M25?

Even if they could read some signs, saying they had to pay; would they know how? Drive through a toll booth it is clear cut.

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Terry Hudson
 Whitstable



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PROGRESS: Smart new Corsa could be set to be Vauxhall's trump card as it could outstrip sales of previous incarnation.



Corsa's evolution worthy of serious consideration

THERE is usually a groan when a new car model is presented to journalists as showing "evolution rather than revolution".

It's because we cynical scribes hear different phrases like "the accountants wouldn't let us build an all-new car" or "we didn't want to be brave" and so on.

In the case of the new Vauxhall Corsa though, I junked my prejudices and recognised "evolution" was the right word; the new Corsa, does indeed echo its predecessor in styling, with family overtones added from the elegant Astra and Insignia.

But it is a classier execution than before in looks and build quality and, even if the stylists have been less bold, the car's underpinnings and quality are more revolutionary, and there's more interior space front and back.

The new Corsa line-up also boasts an all-new three-cylinder 1.0-litre turbocharged petrol engine; 'three-pot' units are a Holy Grail for manufacturers, being cheap to build, compact and delivering many operating efficiencies, but they can be noisy so-and-sos due to the inherent imbalance through having an odd number of cylinders – I previously describes one such engine as sounding like angry pheasants caged



under the bonnet.

No such 'fowl-up' with the Corsa though; the engineers have done a wonderful job of smoothing the eccentricities of three pistons driving the crankshaft, to create an engine that is smooth, lively and economical.

Indeed, it rather upstages the tried and tested

1.2 and 1.4-litre petrol and 1.3-litre diesel units also offered in the newcomer.

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Volvo puts pressure on German rivals

Volvo has injected more ecopower into its slick best-selling V40 hatchback, attracting company 'user choosers' and private buyers alike...

VOLVO kicked off the premium hatchback game way back in 1972 with its 1800ES sports model. Its all-glass tailgate then became a signature feature for the Swedish premium marque, reprised on the 1980s 480 sporting estate, and recent C30 coupe hatch.

So, while German premium brands laud their new hatchback models, remember who started the trend, and now upholds it with the V40 five-door hatchback (from £18,995).

Admittedly, a glass tailgate has been omitted in favour of a more conventional one to go with it's 'v' for versatile model prefix, but everything else about the V40's low slung five-door coupe shape says sporty, enhanced by two flagship trims: R-Design (from £21,295) for a restrained performance look with re-styled bumpers and extra smart alloys, and Cross-Country (from £23,330) for the sporty off-roader image.

Both treatments enhance the V40's attractions for not much more money, though the Cross Country's 'rough, tough' styling add-ons must not be mistaken for genuine off-road ability; it still doesn't really have the ground clearance, though an



all-wheel drive version is available.

What will be more worrying to Volvo's German rivals though is the latest in an array of efficient Drive-E engines that have enabled Volvo to make great inroads into the company car market as well as recruit new buyers.



The new unit, tested here, is the powerful 190bhp D4 Drive-E diesel available on the V40 from £24,570 and offering a road tax exempt 99g/km CO2 emissions and official combined 74.3mpg consumption, while still good for a lively 0-62mph in just 7.4 seconds.

Fortunately, the V40 is blessed with a good ride plus sharp handling when required, so you can happily exploit the D4 unit's extra power, delivered with a smoothness and economy that would have seemed impossible just 10 years ago.

Inside the V40, everything looks

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built to last in typical Volvo fashion, except that the brand adds flair to a cabin nowadays and this includes the now familiar 'flying centre console' with a cubby hole behind; in truth, this feature doesn't deliver much space or handiness but it's a unique selling point and rather elegant.

And while you might expect practicality to suffer from the V40's sweeping rear end, leg and headroom is sufficient and load space competitive with obvious rivals.

It goes without saying that this latest Volvo is also one of the safest cars available: the V40 posted the highest ever score in the Euro NCAP safety test, which translates into low insurance and high reassurance.

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Y14/1316/SH - 23 - 25 The Old High Street Folkestone Kent CT20 1RL - Listed building consent for the demolition and rebuilding of a chimney stack

Y14/1357/SH - Summer Court Whitegates Close Hythe Kent CT21 6AZ - Works to an Ash tree situated within a conservation area comprising the reduction of the crown by approximately 8 metres and removal of lower overhanging branches

Y14/1359/SH - Tree Cottage Church Road Lydd Romney Marsh Kent - Works to trees situated within a conservation area comprising the felling of a Conifer and the pollarding to previous pollarding points of three Sycamores

Y14/1365/SH - Grove House Canterbury Road Etchinghill Folkestone Kent - Felling of two Cherries and 2 Birch trees and various pruning works to an Indian Bean Tree, seven Birch, a Cherry and a Mountain Ash, all subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 2014

Y14/1338/SH - Land Adjacent Princess Royal 28 South Street Folkestone Kent - Pollarding of five Sycamore trees to a height of 5 metres, all situated within a conservation area

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Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- # - The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney
- + - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

Note: This is not a full list of applications received. All planning applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

C Lewis, Head of Planning and Environmental Health
Shepway District Council

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Notice is hereby given that the Secretary of State for Transport intends to make an Order on the M2 Motorway, in the County of Kent, under section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because works are proposed to be executed on the road. The effect of the Order would be -

- (a) to impose an overnight temporary mandatory 50mph speed restriction on -
 - (i) the eastbound carriageway of the M2 between Forge Lane overbridge and the tip of the nosing of the 'on' slip road at Junction 5 (A249),
 - (ii) both carriageways of the M2 between Primrose Lane overbridge and 1004 metres east of Sawpit Road overbridge,
 - (iii) the eastbound carriageway of the M2 between the tip of the nosing of the 'off' slip road at Junction 6 (A251) and Selling Road overbridge,
 - (iv) the westbound carriageway of the M2 between Selling Road overbridge and the tip of the nosing of the 'on' slip road at Junction 6 (A251), and
 - (v) the westbound carriageway of the M2 between Vinsons Farm underbridge and Bull Lane;
- (b) to authorise the overnight closures of the following:
 - (i) in phases the eastbound carriageway of the M2 between the tip of the nosing of the 'off' slip road at Junction 4 (A278) and the tip of the nosing of the 'on' slip road at Junction 6 (A251),
 - (ii) the westbound carriageway of the M2 between the tip of the nosing of the 'off' slip road at Junction 6 (A251) and the tip of the nosing of the 'on' slip road at Junction 4 (A278), and
 - (iii) all slip roads leading to and from the carriageways described at (b)(i) and (b)(ii) above; and
- (c) to authorise overnight hard shoulder running on both carriageways of the M2 between points 500 metres east and 500 west of Bottom Pond underbridge.

These measures would be in the interest of road safety while contractors undertake resurfacing, structure works, reinstallation of studs and loops and all associated carriageway work.

It is expected that the work would take place for approximately 4 ½ months starting on or after Monday 19 January 2015 between 20:00 and 06:00 (maximum period). The Order would come into force on 17 January 2015 and have a maximum duration of eighteen months.

During the closures outlined above, traffic affected would be diverted using the A229, M20, A249, A20, A252 and the A251. The diversion route would vary depending on the closure in place. Traffic at Medway Services wanting the Travel Lodge would need to follow the signed diversion route at Medway Services.

The temporary mandatory speed restrictions, slip road closures, hard shoulder running, carriageway closures and diversion routes would be clearly indicated by traffic signs when they are in operation during the works period.

D Walker, Network Delivery & Development, Highways Agency, Department for Transport, Ref: HA/SE/2014/M2/164
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TV deal to screen Whites v Palace

Dover Athletic will pocket £144,000 for FA Cup TV coverage



CRABBLE: Set to see a sell-out crowd when the Eagles come to town

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Football

By Jamie Weir

jamie.weir@archant.co.uk

DOVER Athletic are set to see one of the club's biggest ever paydays, after it was announced they will pocket a cool £144,000 for their eagerly anticipated FA Cup third round clash with Crystal Palace.

The cash from the Football Association comes after the game was selected to be televised live.

The rights for the knock-out tournament are shared between the BBC and BT Sport.

Dover's clash with the Eagles will be shown live on BT Sport 1 when the game kicks off at 1pm on Sunday, January 4.

BT Sport is certainly no stranger to

the county. It was at Maidstone United's Gallagher Stadium last month to watch the Ryman League side triumph in their first round tie replay with Stevenage.

The Crabble is set to sell out its capacity, which it confirmed will be 5,745 for the match.

Ticket prices for the match were confirmed on Friday as £20 for the terraces and £25 for seating. The match will be all-ticket and none will be available on the day. Palace fans have been allocated the Town and Family stands.

Splitting gate receipts, increased merchandise and refreshment sales, along with prize money already secured for reaching this round of the tournament could mean Dover are finally looking at the cup run netting them closer to £250,000.

Dover were drawn against Palace during the live televised cup draw on

Monday night. It sent the club - and the town - into raptures. Dover were the only non-league club left in the competition to be drawn against Premier League opposition.

Dover manager Chris Kinnear said of the draw: "It's great. They are our nearest Premier League club in south London so it should be a great day."

Tickets will go on general sale on Friday, December 19, for two days initially.

Crabble will be open between 11am and 2pm, and 5pm and 7pm on Friday and on Saturday between 9am and noon. Tickets are limited to four per person.

Season ticket holders get the first chance to secure a seat on Wednesday and Thursday. They can buy one ticket per person.

The remaining tickets will go on sale during the Whites' Boxing Day clash with Welling United.

Day era dawns at Fleet as Welling boss snared

EBBSFLEET United have ended weeks of speculation by confirming they have hired Welling United boss Jamie Day as their new manager.

The 35-year-old was appointed on Wednesday. He was one of the earliest names suggested for the post.

He becomes the full-time replacement to Steve Brown who was sacked by the club at the end of last month.

Fleet vice chairman, Peter Varney, said the board were happy with the appointment.

He said: "The owner and the board opted not to advertise the role as having considered the potential candidates, they were unanimous that Jamie Day was the only candidate they wished to initially discuss the vacancy with."

"The discussions with Welling



EBBSFLEET: Poached former Welling manager Jamie Day

United have been amicable and we have reached a compensation package acceptable to both clubs."

Mr Varney also praised Day, saying that he believed that the new manager would be able to lead the Fleet to victory.

He said: "Jamie has done an absolutely brilliant job at Welling over the past five years and we believe he is the right man to bring success to the club."

"He will have the full backing of the owner to do just that."

Ironically, Ebbsfleet entertained Welling on Saturday in the FA Trophy. The result was after his newspaper went to press.

Day, however, watched the game from the stands and let interim boss Daryl McMahon take charge.

Added Varney: "I cannot speak highly enough of Daryl."

"He stepped up to the plate and did what he believed was best."

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Funding wins Nevill a return for one-day ties

TUNBRIDGE Wells is set to once again host the money-spinning short form of the domestic cricket game this season.

Kent confirmed on Friday the Nevill will host three fixtures for 2015, marking a return to the ground hosting Natwest T20 Blast and Royal London One-Day Cup cricket in July.

Funding has been secured to install a temporary stand, making the operation of the shorter forms of the game viable.

The stand has been underwritten by local businessman Freddie Cook.

Mr Cook said: "I was saddened when the festival was retrenched last year and was determined to ensure that the festival was maintained and in fact restored to its former glory."

"For the good of cricket throughout west Kent, it is important we have a full cricket festival."

The ground will host one-day games with Essex and Glamorgan to book-end a four-day County Championship match with Essex.



FAST: Kent will play Essex and Glamorgan at the Nevill



DISCO: Walked after disagreeing with the manager

Disco Douglas dances off after row with boss

INVICTA Dynamos' goalie, Chris 'Disco' Douglas, has walked away from the Gillingham club after a heated 'discussion' with Mos' head coach, Kevin Parrish.

Parrish said: "We'll probably keep it in house as to what exactly has occurred but the end result is that Chris has decided to leave the Dynamos. It's unfortunate that it has happened and we have lost a very, very good goalie but things like this take place in hockey and now we'll have to move on."

With Douglas moving on after 61

appearances for the Dynamos, the team are in need of someone in goal.

Mark Lee and Steve Nightingale will be sharing netminding duties for the time being, but neither can go full time for the team.

But Parrish says the hunt is on to find a replacement for Disco, and shouldn't take too long.

He said: "The loss of Chris Douglas means I'm looking for a new goalie. I've already been in contact with a couple of guys so, with a bit of luck, we will hopefully have another player in place for next weekend."

Take tea with Kent cricket legend

FORMER Kent and England fast bowler, turned umpire, Martin Sadders, is going to be making a return to the Spitfire Ground, St Lawrence next month.

Sadders will be holding an informal gathering where he will share his experiences of making the transition from being a professional cricketer to umpire.

The afternoon tea gathering will take place at 2.30pm on January 20, 2015.

Each afternoon tea ticket costs £8 and will include tea, coffee and scones.

To book, ring Matt Kingsland 01227 473 612 (weekdays 9am-5pm) or e-mail sales-thespitfireground@centerplate.co.uk

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